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## MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon  
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM  
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 1:00 PM until all are heard

## MARRIAGES:

In accordance with the Common Policy of the Bishops of New Jersey, marriages should be arranged one year in advance of the proposed date. Please call the rectory for more information.

## THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call the Rectory for information and to register for a Baptism.

Dear Parishioners,

Today the church throughout the world gathers to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany is a Greek word that means “showing” or “manifestation” It is the day when those mysterious magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem and revealed to us the full nature of the child Jesus. Their gifts proclaim him for who he truly is: gold, a gift traditionally offered to a King, frankincense, a tree resin which when burned emits a fragrant smoke offered as a sign of prayers rising to God, and myrrh, another resin which was used as an embalming agent in the ancient world, to show that He will die for His people. As the final verse of the familiar carol goes, “God and king and sacrifice.” We pray that we too may always see Jesus in the fullness of His being for us.

In much of the world, especially Southern Europe and South America, today is traditionally the day when gifts are given. Christmas Day is a day of celebration and feasting, but today is when you get and receive things, in honor of the magi. It is a reminder to us that the Christmas Season still continues for a little while longer.

Since most of us exchanged gifts last week, what more can we offer to each other? I don't mean what can we buy in a store, but what can we give of ourselves to one another to continue showing forth God's superabundant generosity?

Again, a sincere word of thanks to all those who remembered the priests and staff during this time. We truly appreciate your generosity and pray God's blessings upon you always.

*Fr. Armand*

**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 United States to be given the title of “saint.”

**Can you predict the events of 2022 with accuracy?**



Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our Donation Bin. We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Thank you and God Bless.

**OUR SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY**

- January 2—Assessment**
- January 8-9 Communicating God's Word**
- January 22-23—Maintenance**

## 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.

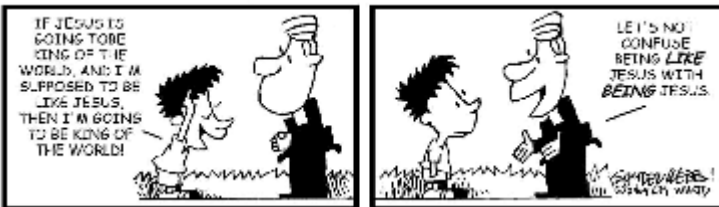
In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

### The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold — we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense — represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh — is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

EPIPHANY



### First Reading:

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:

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:

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?

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

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

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

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

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

**Answer:** This is 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.).

### **SPECIAL DONATION**

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

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### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

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.



### **STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD**

Do you need firewood for your backyard chiminea, fireplace or wood-burning stove?. You can get well-seasoned split hardwood logs right here at St. Gen's for half of what you pay in the supermarket. And at the same time, you will be supporting the camping program of Boy Scout Troop 23, including a campership fund that helps send financially-challenged Scouts to summer camp. Help yourself from Webby's Wood Shed, located behind the Rectory near the garages that face Livingston Road. Follow the directions on the envelopes provided to make a donation. Thank you for your support!

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

7:30 Maria Lobo req. Homem Family

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Angelo Nigro req. Family

12:00 Luisa Valdes req. Family

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**

7:00 Jack Verdon req. Lillian & Ron Testa

8:00 Victor & Jean Desposito req. Dianne & Jack Simon

7pm Jim Byrne req. Mary, Michael & Martin

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Joseph Homem & Savia Abreu req. Homem Family

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

7:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

8:00 Joe Leonard 2nd Anniv. req. Family

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022**

7:00 Benny Desiderio req. Audrey & Carmine Cicaless

8:00 Edward Sisk req. Family

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022**

7:00 Jose Fernandez Zardain req. Family

8:00 William Cox 14th Anniv. req. Jackie Kelleher

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Ann Sheridan req. Vincent Sheridan

5:30pm Christina Halpin req. Tony Chodan

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

7:30 Mary Foran req. The Berglund Family

9:00 James Doherty req. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Leary

10:30 Salvatore Guida req. John & Mary Ann Trotter

12:00 Cabrera Family req. Nieces & Nephews



*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*

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