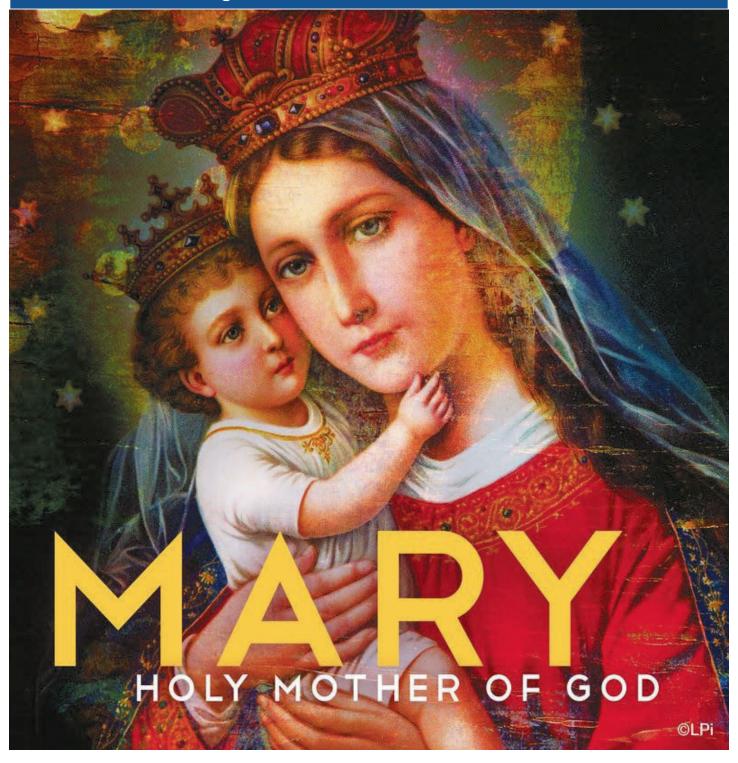
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Email: office@sescc.org Website: www.sescc.org Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023



Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil: 4PM, 6PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

*There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass..

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 1PM-3PM

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Closed Monday, January 2, 2023



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Mass Readings

Ministries and Groups

St. Vincent de Paul

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10AM, Dcn. Tone Room Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion

Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Women's Seton Society

Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

Healing Ministry

Every Wednesday following 8:00AM Daily Mass in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima

1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

Solo Group

1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club John Battoe. 623-977-7073

Evening Prayer Group

Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry

Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions

Living ♥ | Deceased †

Sunday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God	
7AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. Bill
9AM Joseph McCord †	Fr. Kilian
11AM Sanda Alonge †	Fr. John
Monday, January 2nd	
8AM Kierstin & Keith Smith ♥	Fr. Tom
Tuesday, January 3rd	
8AM Devotion to the Holy Spirit †	Fr. Kilian
Wednesday, January 4th	
8AM Bob & Virginia McComas †	Fr. Kilian
Thursday, January 5th	
8AM Helen Fang †	Fr. Kilian
Friday, January 6th	
8AM Brenda Kidd †	Fr. John
Saturday, January 7th	
8AM Fr. James Graham †	Fr. Kilian
4PM Lloyd Rooker †	Fr. Kilian
6PM Eva Ruberio †	Fr. John
Sunday, January 8th, Epiphany of the Lord	
7AM John Patrick Tyrell †	Fr. Kilian
9AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. John
11AM Sanda Alonge †	Fr. Kilian
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Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Joan Lundeen

Requested by: Charles Lundeen

<u>Tabernacle Candle:</u>

James Trentacoste

Requested by: Gil & Dolores

Banzon

Saint Joseph Candle:

Cesar & Virion Reyes

Requested by: Banzon Family

To request a Mass Intention or Votive Candle, please contact Yvonne at the Parish Office 623-972-2129.



Readings for the Week

Sunday Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Mk 1:7-1

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, and 9/Jn 2:1-11

Sunday The Feast of the Epiphany

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Pastor's Letter: **January 1, 2023** The Octave Day of Christmas

The Great Solemnity of

Mary, The Mother of God.

name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Luke 2: 21).

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Today the entire Church celebrates Mary, the Mother of God. Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, is the Word Who became Flesh womb of Mary (John 1:14).

There are many beautiful hymns to Mary. The most beloved is the "Ave Maria", the Hail Mary in Latin. Another Latin hymn, "Tota Pulchra Es, Maria," "You are All Beautiful Mary" addresses Mary with love. The Latin words tell "original sin was not in You"; "You are the glory of Jerusalem! You are the joy of Israel! You are the honor of our race! You are the Advocate of all sinners! Pray for us merciful Mother who cares for us."

anointed by the Holy Spirit from the beginning of His human existence.

The manifestation of this fact takes place prowhole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest these words: 'Woman, behold your Son.'" 'how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 484-486)

The Annunciation to Mary "fullness begins the time;" when God fulfills His promises and preparations. Mary said "Yes" to the Father's will, and She conceived Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.



"Throughout the Old Cove-

nant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning "When eight days were completed for his was Eve; despite her disobedience, she recircumcision, he was named Jesus, the ceives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son despite her old age. Against all expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth His faithfulness to His promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah, Ruth, Judith and Esther and many other women. and dwelt among us, being born for us from the Mary stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and received salvation from Him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in Her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established." (CCC, 489).

"Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from Her union with Her Son Jesus Christ; Her role flows directly from this union with Him. Mary's role in the work of your and my salvation in Christ is made manifest from the moment of Christ's virginal conception up to His death; it is made manifest especially during The Father's only Son, conceived as man in the hour of His Passion: "there She stood, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is "Christ" the keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of His suffering, joining Herself with His sacrifice in Her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of Her: to gressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus, the the cross, as a mother to His disciple, with

(CCC, 964)

Fr. Kilian, Sr. Mary Beverly, Deacon Jeff, our Parish Deacons, Staff & Volunteers.



In today's Gospel, we hear that after the shepherds found Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the manger, they began to understand the message of the Lord's angels. While praising God and sharing what they had witnessed,

all who heard their story were amazed. Your generous donations allow our members to provide prayerful, life -changing assistance to our neighbors. When given the support to improve their lives, we too, see how they are amazed.

Coming Soon! Our second annual Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction will be held Sunday, February 5,

2023. Following in the successful tradition of last year, there will be chili tasting, a gift basket silent auction and a dessert auction. As our fund raising and community event of the year, you have an opportunity to help the Society in our mission to expand needed assistance to those in need. Do you have a timeshare, season sporting ticket, vacation trip or any other exciting offering you could donate for our auction? We greatly appreciate your consideration and If you are able to assist in any way or have questions, please call 623-583-7303.

We continue to need pantry items of dish soap and washing detergent. Additionally, travel size soaps, shampoos, toothpastes/brushes and deodorants are needed for packets given to the visitors we serve at the Santa Teresita food kitchen. Items may be left in our collection boxes in the church vestibule.

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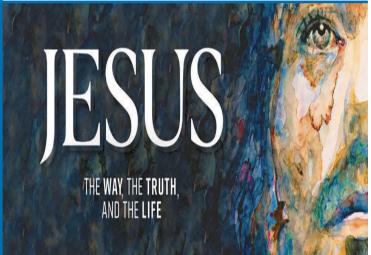
(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. We meet in the Guadalupe Room by the parish office from 9am to 10:30am on Sunday's.

We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist: Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith, & Israel Valadez. Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.

New Faith Formation Program



Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Elizabeth Seton has begun the Jesus study and will continue through January 31st from 9AM to 11AM in the

Seton Hall. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register, contact Don. Jeff Arner at 623-866-5221 or/and jarner@sescc.org.

Children and Youth



There will be no classes due to Christmas and New Year's on the following days:

December 21st, December 28th, and January 4th

If you have any questions please contact:

Deacon Jeff at 623-866-5221 or
Linda Watkins at 623-866-5229

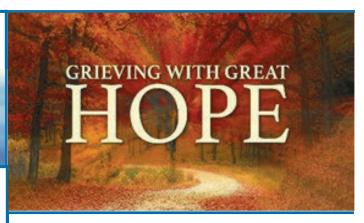
Wishing all the students, families and catechists a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Adopt-A-Student Program

We are getting more and more families interested in having their children attend St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Education program because of how we are impacting the children and families. There are a few families that could use the help with their registration fee. We never turn a family away when they want to bring their children here to receive the teachings of our rich faith. You can help these families by contributing to their registration fees. The cost for each child is \$45 if they are a parishioner.

Sacrament classes are an additional \$30 per student. VBS fee is \$25 per child. All you have to do is put your donation in the collection box or bring it to the parish office and label it "Adopt-A-Student." Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated!



Grieving with Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support workshop using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. We will begin this 6-week course Wednesday, January 11 from 2 to 4 PM in the Guadalupe Meeting Room.

For registration information please contact: Deacon Jeff Arner at 623-866-5224

Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year! ~ Your Parish Staff

Due to the Holiday the **Parish Office** will be **closed** on the following:

Monday, January 2nd.

Thank you for your understanding!





Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton January 4th

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."

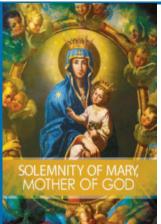


Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Madonna #2067

Women of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome, and St. Joachim and Anne please join us for our monthly meeting on January 24th in the Seton Hall from 12:00PM to 3:00PM.

We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month.

For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602)565-6429



Mary, Mother of God

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls on a Sunday. We invite you to join us in celebration of our Lady's greatest title.

Saturday, December 31st 4PM, 6PM

Monday, January 1st 7AM, 9AM, 11AM

HAVE YOU LOST A SPOUSE OR LOVED ONE?

The Solo Spouse Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, at Palmbrook Country Club at 1:00PM

Do you feel alone and not have anyone to share your time? You do not have to be alone. The Solo Group may be for you. We are all single due to the loss of a spouse, divorce, or are single by choice.

We join together for social activities like lunches, breakfasts, dinner meetings, movies and the theater.

We are NOT a singles club, we are a faith based social group that brings our lives together when you want to have someone in your life. Each month we have a meeting to outline all the plans for that month. We provide a calendar for all the activities for that month. You chose which activities that you prefer. There are no dues. We are open to all faiths. Our only goal is to provide activities and so we can find new friendships with others who have lost a spouse.

Come join us for the first Tuesday monthly meeting and see if this is for you.

For information call John at: 623-977-7073

HAND CARVED in BETHLEHEM

PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEK END OF January 21 & 22.

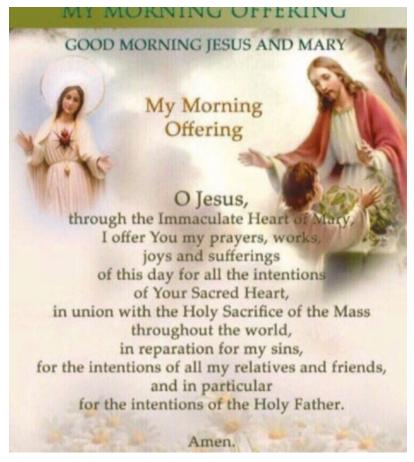
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Thank you in advance for your support.

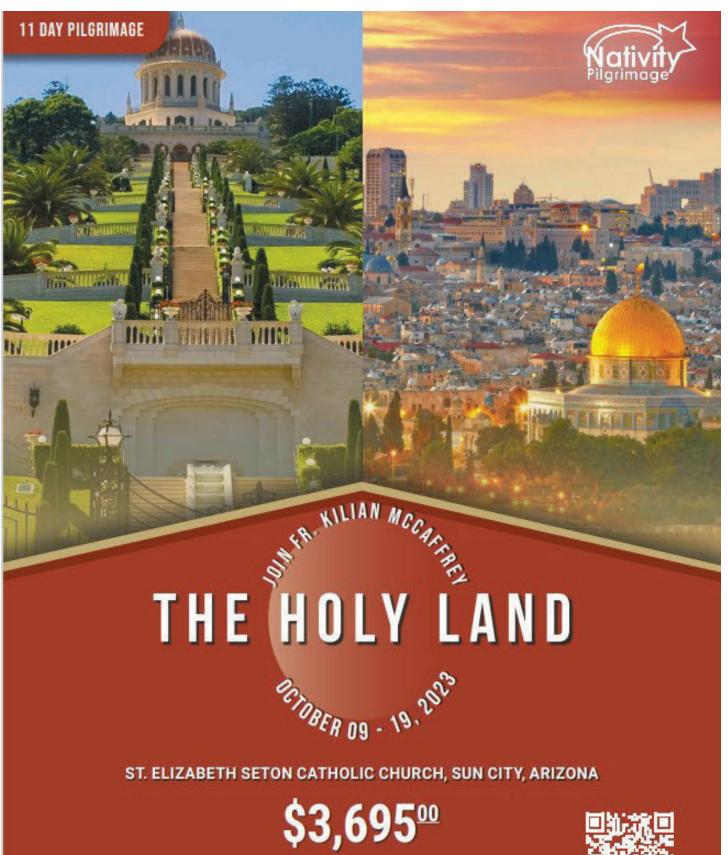
Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Elizabeth Seton after the 8:00AM Mass

January 7, 2023



Prayer is at the very heart of the message of Fatima because it is at the heart of growing in a personal relationsip with God. From the first apparitions of the Angel, the children were asked to pray. When Our Lady appeared for six consecutive months in 1917, she asked the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Those of us living in the twenty-first century can take this request to heart. The peace Our Lady asks us to pray for is not only peace between nations and in our country, but peace within our hearts and homes. Now, more that ever, we need prayer.

Please join us after the 8:00AM Mass this coming 1st Saturday for Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima



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