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Adoration of the Magi (1500) by Andrea Mantegna, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

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St. Augustine

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) 8:00 AM, Church Janet Farraina † 5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil Langan, Gover & Publick families Sunday, January 2—The Epiphany

7:30 AM Church 9:00 AM Church 10:30 AM Church 10:30 AM BBPC 12 Noon Church Monday, January 3

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Earle, Helen & David Oakes † John Eagan Jr. †

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Kathy & Mike Minnelli

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Frances Zabski †

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Saturday, January 8 8:00 AM, Church Milagros Nuñez † 5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil Mary Murphy † Sunday January 9-- Baptism of the Lord 7:30 AM Church Lyn Moore † 9:00 AM Church People of the Parish 10:30 AM Church Mary Cassidy Matheson Furrow † 10:30 AM BBPC Michael Gigliotti † 12 Noon Church Rose Norelli †

> To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the church office at 336-724-0561.

The Christmas Season in the Church

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is January 9 this year. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him.

Writing Checks to St. Leo Church

When writing donation checks to the church, please use dark blue or black ink so the check will scan properly for our online deposit system.

Thank you for your cooperation.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10

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PARISH INFORMATION

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish family! Please take time to register online through our parish website at www.stleocatholic.org.

Hospitalizations: Please call the parish office if you or a family member enter the hospital, or if you would like an appointment with a priest to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Privacy laws prevent our priests from knowing when you are in the hospital.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is held twice a month on Saturdays at 11 AM by appointment

only. Baptism Preparation Class, offered once each month, requires the attendance of both parents. Please contact the parish office for specific dates, to register for the class, and to schedule a baptism. To complete a Baptismal Information Form, please visit our website at stleocatholic.org.

Marriages: Couples must contact a parish priest at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Also, couples must be registered with the parish for at least three months before marriage preparation can begin. Weddings are only held on Saturdays at 11 AM or 2 PM.

Annulments: For information, please contact Dick and Mary Ellen Foley at 336-766-6294.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for the Week of JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17/Lk 4:14-22 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please Remember in Prayer:

Margaret Ferencz, Diane Ferrelli, Bill Means, Myles Harris, Enriko, J. Denise, Audrey E. Karen Publick, Richard Boswell, Bruce Sanchez-Barkey, Joanne Kohl, Judith Erwin, Sarah Schrodt, Chris Stoehrel, Elaine Schrenk, Katie James, Scott Morton, Neal McInerney, John, Francisco Arguello, Leslie Richard, Roger Krupel, Ann Gardner, Mary O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Connor, Jimmy Lasecki, Michael Keaton, Dixie Keaton, Paul Morrison, Timothy & Crista, Eddie Munoz, Leone/Zemon Family, Wayne Meredith, Tyler & Allayn Gover, Mary Ann Maynard, Paudie O'Shea, Mary Ann Huton, Mark Price, Marilyn Benack, Nick Patella, Zachary Taylor, Diana Beauchamp, Alex Cruz, Mayre Beauchamp, Manolo Mendoza, Caraline Lilly Christensen, Gregory Maldonado, Finley Price, Selena Vazquez, William & Dorothy Publick, Kelly Boyette, Cecile Esko, Rod Rockefeller, Jennifer Bolles, Eric Paswater, Betty Graves, Kimberly Lucado, Michael Leo Edwards, Melissa Publick, Sheila Johnson, Chris Puliselic, Evie Wiggins, Brian Almond, Andy Mazzo, Della Seay, Suzanne Faulk, Abbey Faulk, Lee Garner, Gail Gessner, Cindy & Robert Brown, Jeff Lineberry, Nina & Nicholas Fingar, Andrew Hayes, Jack Grantham, Christina Ruiz Grantham & Family, Mark Boone, Donald Smith, Robert Posodos, LaDonna Jensen, Gina Kim, Mariann Carothers, Lorraine Haendel, Georgia Mae Brady, Peyton Holland, Robbie Brewer, Tom Publick, Elaine Kincaid, Ryan Gover, all others who are ill, their caretakers, and those we hold dear.

Have a prayer request? Please email info@stleocatholic.org or call the church office: 336-724-0561. Names on our prayer list remain there until you request their removal. Please let us know if there is healing or resolution.

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, January 4 Cursillo Group-4:00-5:30 PM, St. Cecilia Room Rosary Group—6:00 PM, Church Wednesday, January 5 Eucharistic Adoration—after 8:00 AM Mass—5:00 PM Scriptural Rosary—11:30 AM, Church RCIA—6:30-8:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room Choir Rehearsal—7:00-8:30 PM, Church Thursday, January 6 Men's Gospel Group-7:00-7:45 AM, St. Cecilia Rm. St. Monica Novena 9:00-9:45 AM, Church Friday, January 7 — First Friday Men's Cursillo—7:00—8:00 AM, BBPC Confessions—11:15-11:45 AM, Church Saturday, January 8 Confessions—8:30 AM & 4:00 PM, Church Cursillo Group—9:00 AM, St. Cecilia Room Sunday, January 9— The Baptism of the Lord (marks the end of the Christmas Season)

Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE NOON MASS

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A young adult group inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Women's Group

Mondays at 7:30 PM. On the first Monday we pray the rosary together; for the rest of the month we read a book and discuss. New members are always welcome! Contact Bethany at bethany.fischer23 @gmail.com.

Men's Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at **8:00 PM.** For information, email Michael at hubbard.mc427@gmail.com.



Frassati Christmas (Season) Party

January 8, 7:00 PM at Bethany's house Join us for our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a dessert to share, and bring a gift you have received,

re-wrapped, that needs a new home.



Please contact the parish office to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class and schedule a Baptism.

NOTE: You must register before the class and date of Baptism. You may also visit our website at stleocatholic.org for more information and to complete a *Baptismal Information Form*.

Upcoming Baptism Times, 11:00 AM

January 22 & 29 • February 19 & 26 • April 23 May 21 & 28 • June 11 & 25 • July 23 & 30 August 20 & 27 • September 10 & 24 October 22 & 29 • November 12 & 19

Baptismal Preparation Classes, 7:00 PM

January 11 • February 1 • March 1 • April 5 • May 3 June 7 • July 12 • August 2 • September 6 October 4 • November 1 • December 6

Please remember those who have died:

MAYE & GEORGE PEACOCK

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

VOLUNTEEROPPORTUNITIES

Family Life Commission

St. Leo Church needs volunteers to join the Family Life Commission to plan and host events that will help us come

together as a parish. In January, we need to start planning for upcoming Lenten, Easter Season, and Spring events.

For more information about the Family Life Commission as well as other opportunities to share your time and tal-

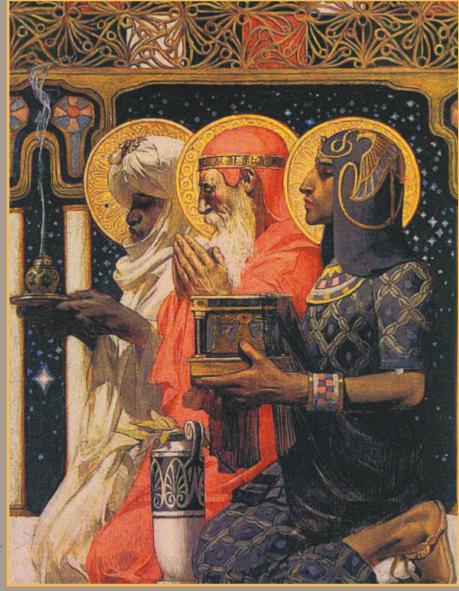
ent with the Church, contact Mary Beth Young at **mbyoung@ stleocatholic.org** or call the parish office.



The Epiphany of the Lord

O God Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son, we pray You to lead to Yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our culture encourages Christmas decorations to come down about now, but the Catholic Church invites us to be counter-cultural. We've just gotten started! The Octave of Christmas is the first week of the liturgical season of Christmas, but the celebration con-



The Wise Men (1900) by J.C. Leyendecker

tinues beyond the Octave through the Epiphany of the Lord, celebrated this year on **January 2**, to the Baptism of the Lord, next Sunday, January 9. Take time to enjoy the richness and beauty of our Christmas Season.

The Epiphany of the Lord marks the arrival of the Magi from the East, who came to see the newborn king. It marks the appearance of Christ to the Gentiles and calls us to fall on our knees before Jesus and give Him the very best that we have to offer. In his Epiphany homily in 2021, Pope Francis said the day is a reminder of our need to worship our Savior:

"Worship is an act of love that changes our lives. It is to do what the Magi did:

- To bring gold to the Lord and to tell him that nothing is more precious than he is.
- To offer him incense and to tell him that only in union with him can our lives rise up to heaven.
- To present him with myrrh, balm for the bruised and wounded, and to promise him that we will aid our marginalized and suffering neighbors, in whom He Himself is present.

"...Today each one of us can ask: 'Am I a Christian who worships?' Many Christians pray, but they do not worship. Let us ask ourselves this question:

Do we find time for worship in our daily schedules and do we make room for worship in our communities?

"...In worshiping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience "a great joy."" (Matt 2:10)

FAITH FORMATION

Please note: No Fait Formation classes will be held on December 26 or January 2. Enjoy your break!

Upcoming Schedule:

January 9	
January 16	
January 23	
January 30	

Classes resume, 9:00 AM Class, 9:00 AM Class, 9:00 AM Class, 9:00 AM



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Space limited! Sign up at stleocatholic.org/life-teen

YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge and Life Teen will resume **January 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** in the Youth Room, for our **Spring Kick-off**: Humans vs. Zombies Nerf Tag. Bring a nerf gun if you have one, but we will have plenty to share; and bring \$3 for pizza.

On January 10, registration opens for summer opportunities! Sign up for Steubenville Atlanta, our mission trip, and our Works of Mercy weeks. For dates and more information, visit the **Life Teen or Edge** pages on the parish website, **www.stleocatholic.org**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First reconciliation candidate interviews are Monday, January 10, 2022. Please attend one of the two offered sessions:

3:00-4:30 PM - OR - 6:30-7:30 PM.

Candidates will be required to review the Reconciliation information and assigned prayers.

First Reconciliation Celebration Saturday, January 15, 2022, 10:00 AM

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Entertainment and educational television programming on Formed is free for St. Leo parishioners! Register at formed.org/signup Choose the "parishioner" option, enter St. Leo Catholic Church, then your name and email. Check your inbox for a link.

50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte

The Diocese of Charlotte will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, 2022. Bishop Jugis is proclaiming a yearlong celebration and encouraging everyone to "come together in celebration of our unity as one family of God."

The celebration will include special events and initiatives at parishes, schools and ministries — as well as a pilgrimage and charitable outreach initiative in communities across the western half of North Carolina.

Bishop Jugis will kick off our celebration on **Wednesday**, **January 12, 2022** — 50 years from the date of our inception — with an opening Mass and Holy Hour at St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte. **The 8:00 AM Mass on January 12, 2022,** here at Saint Leo will mark the beginning of our parish-based anniversary celebration.

If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate our events in this special year, please contact Mary Beth Young at **mbyoung@stleocatholic.org**

CATECHESIS

IHS THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS Feast Day — Monday, January 3

When the Son of God became man, He received the name of Jesus, which means "YHWH saves." As the name of the Son of God, *Jesus* is the name of God Himself, made accessible to humanity. As a divine name, it "is the only one that contains the presence it signifies" and contains "God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation." (CCC 2666)To reiterate that point, the Name of Jesus mystically contains Jesus Himself and all that Jesus unites to Himself.

The Name of Jesus is, therefore, a prayer and "is the simplest way of praying always" (CCC 2668).



To pray the Name of Jesus is to invoke Him and to welcome Him into your heart. The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is truly a celebration of the sacred humanity of Jesus, because it celebrates a name that is both human and divine; a human name spoken by human lips, and a mystical name that invokes God.



The Sacred Monogram IHS is from the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek. Over the centuries, IHS also became various acronyms for Greek phrases — for example, "Jesus, our Savior" and "Jesus, Savior of Men." It even became an acronym for an English phrase, "In His Service." But the original intent was a Christogram, an abbreviation of Christ's name.

As an object of veneration, however, the IHS is meant as a depiction of the Holy Name of Jesus, especially when it is depicted as surrounded by rays of sunlight. (See the photo above from the Church of the *Gesu* in Rome.)

St. Bernardino of Siena, an early15th century Franciscan missionary, popularized this devotion. He carried a wooden placard with the Sacred Monogram so that the Holy Name could be venerated just as we venerate the Crucifix and other holy objects.

— J. Patrick Yodzis

The Adoration of the Name of Jesus (1579) by El Greco, The National Gallery, London

Elizabeth Ann Seton: From New York Socialite to Courageous Saint

"Elizabeth Ann Seton is a saint. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is an American. All of us say this with special joy, and with the intention of honoring the land and the nation from which she sprang forth as the first flower in the calendar of the saints. Elizabeth Ann Seton was wholly American! Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage."

-Pope Paul VI



Elizabeth Ann Bayley in 1794, at the time of her wedding to William Seton, Jr.

Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side. Hope supports it on the other. Experience says it must be, and love says let it be. Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in 1774 in New York City to a prominent colonial family. She grew into a woman of beauty and talent, notably as a pianist, as well as a devout Episcopalian, attracted to contemplative prayer and charitable works. Despite her charm and flair, she led a life marked by loss.

She was only two when the American Revolution began, so her earliest memories were of wartime. She lost her mother at age three; then lost her beloved stepmother when her father separated from his second wife. At 19, she fell in love with William Seton, Jr., and for a time enjoyed a happy marriage in a fashionable residence on Wall Street. But William contracted tuberculosis, went bankrupt, and then died seeking innovative medical treatment in Italy.

In Italy, Elizabeth became aquatinted with Catholicism and converted after she returned to New York, only a few years after anti-Catholic laws had been abolished. Still, she faced persecution for her conversion. For example, at the school she opened as a young widow, parents withdrew their children upon discovering she was Catholic.

She considered moving to Canada but was persuaded to remain in the U.S. and move to Maryland. In Emmitsburg, Elizabeth founded a free school dedicated to educating poor girls and then founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which eventually adopted the rule of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, thereby grafting the new community to the Vincentian spiritual tradition.

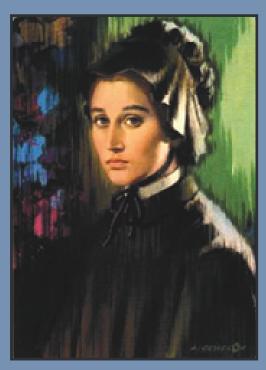
As a foundress, Elizabeth was called Mother Seton, a title that remains significant for Catholics in the U.S. Her vision of a free school for the poor led to the American Catholic school system. Through her faith and heroic virtue, she became a saint, the first native-born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Along with Mother Cabrini, representing immigrants, and Saint Kateri Tekawitha, representing Native Americans, Mother Seton serves as a spiritual mother and intercessor for Catholics in America and a model of living as both American and Catholic. She is the patron of widows, Catholic schools, parents experiencing the death of children, loss of parents, in-law problems, people mocked for their piety, the state of Maryland, and all U.S. seafaring services — the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From Collected Writings, Volume II, p. 117

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

____ J. Patrick Yodzis



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 our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

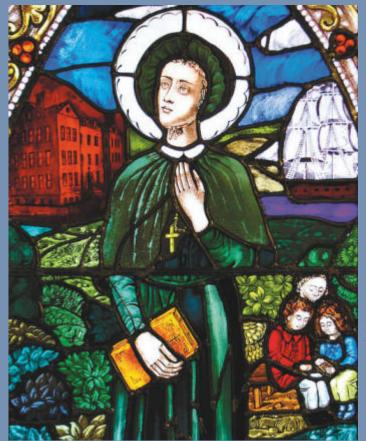
New York at the Time of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saints arise from the vicissitudes of their times. Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in colonial New York on August 28, 1774, just one week before the first Continental Congress. Not a single Catholic church existed there at the time, because Catholic worship was illegal. In 1776, the Revolutionary War began, and the British gained control of New York City the day before Elizabeth's second birthday. Her early years were colored by the long occupation of British soldiers in the city and the sacrifices it entailed.

After the war, Elizabeth's father, a prominent surgeon and professor, became New York's Health Officer, a position through which he worked with Alexander Hamilton. Elizabeth became a close friend of Hamilton's wife, Eliza, and the two of them collaborated on charitable projects, especially through their parish, Trinity Episcopal Church. Along with another friend, they founded an orphanage in Hamilton's memory after he was shot in a duel by Aaron Burr. Although Elizabeth Ann Seton isn't mentioned in the Broadway musical "Hamilton," the orphanage that she helped found figures in the story.

- MMKY

Why is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton the Patron of America's Sea Services?



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's two sons, William and Richard, were in the U.S. Navy. Many letters she wrote to William reveal her deep motherly concern for him at sea. When he served aboard the USS Macedonian and sailed around Cape Horn to Valparaiso, Chile, she worried where he was and how he was doing. She died on January 4, 1821, while William was on that deployment.



Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 school year, Pre-k through 8th grade, at St. Leo School. Call to schedule a tour, (336) 748-8252, or come to our next open house, January 12, 9:00-11:00 AM.

Cancer Support Ministry

Please join us for supportive sharing in an environment of prayerful confidentiality

The next meeting of the group will be Tuesday, January 11.

We will then resume meeting on 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS 7:00 PM, St. Cecilia Room

Call or send prayer request to Sister Larretta: 336-724-0561 or lrivera-williams@stleocatholic.org

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SAY THE HOLY ROSARY AT ST. LEO

Pray the Rosary with us in the church: **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM;** Scriptural rosary on **Wednesday mornings at 11:30 AM.**



The First Friday-First Saturday Vigil in honor of and in reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary will take place on January 7-8 at Our Lady of Grace (OLG), Greensboro, and at Holy Cross (HC) Kernersville. Each vigil begins with First Friday Mass at 7:00 PM.

At OLG, confessions follow Mass, then the Rosary, the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart, silent adoration, the Saturday Office of the Immaculate Heart and more, ending with 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday.
At HC, confessions begin at 2:00 AM, with silent adoration until the 10:00 AM Saturday Mass. New Year's Day is the First Saturday in January, so the two observances are split this month. For more information, call Geri Breeding at 336-420-1430 or call the HC office at 336-996-5109.





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