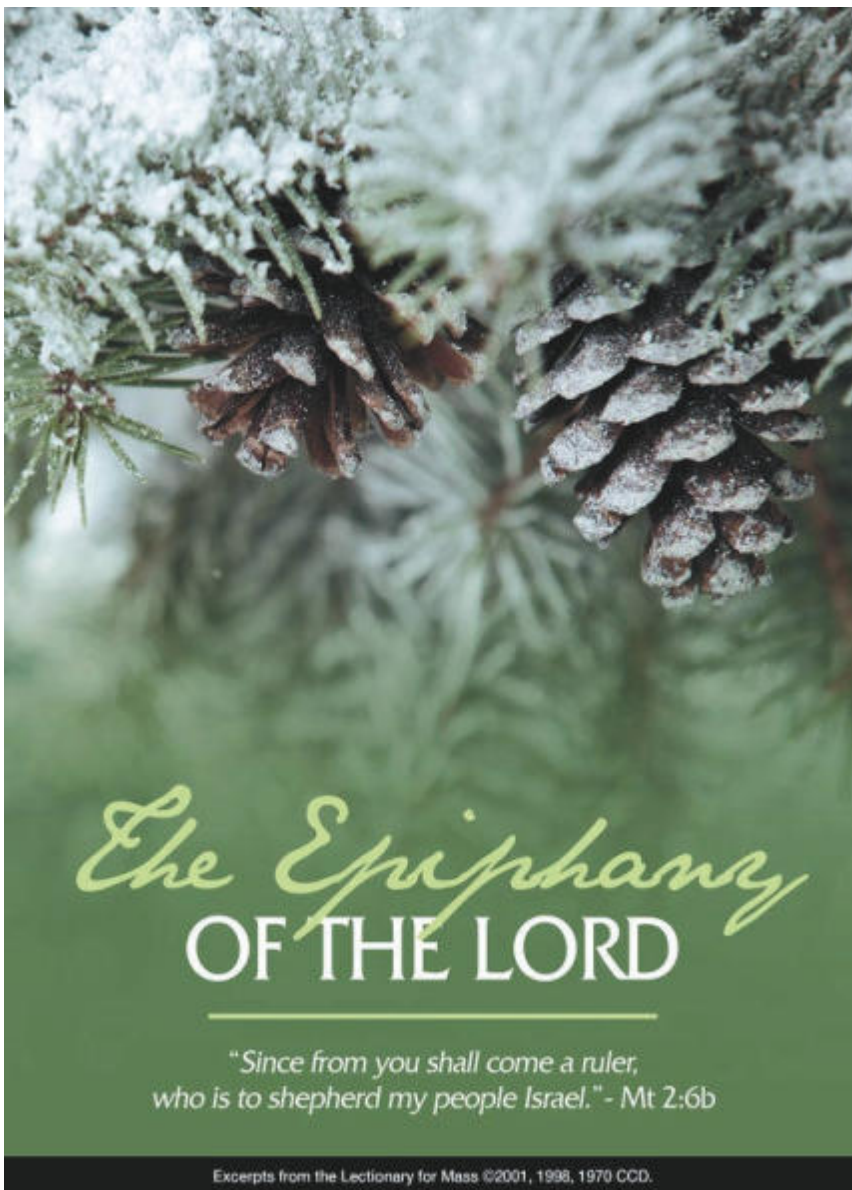




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January 2, 2022



Welcome!

Our sacred purpose at St. Jerome Catholic Church is to become Holy Disciples on the path to heaven. In the midst of a welcoming community we learn the teachings of our faith by celebrating Word and Sacrament as we grow in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:00AM
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:30PM- 4:00PM

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8:30AM-12:30PM
Tuesday – Friday:
8:30AM -12:30PM & 1:30PM-4:30PM

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Membership in the Parish

We welcome each one of you who has come to worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to the area. If you are a Catholic returning home after a absence, the church has missed you and warmly welcomes you back. Welcome packets and registration forms are available in the back of Church or please stop in to the Parish Office and register in person. We hope you will decide to make St. Jerome your Parish home!

Sacrament of Baptism Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage requires a six-month planning period and participation in a marriage preparation program. DO NOT book your hall until you meet with Father Anthony. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Homebound or Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone seriously ill or facing surgery. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact the Parish office.

Religious Education Classes (PREP) is offered for children who attend public school in grades 1 through 8 on Sunday mornings starting at 11:15am ending at 12:15pm. from September to May. Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA is for anyone searching for a spiritual home or anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is a Journey of Faith to encounter Christ and discover His teachings and way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Paul Nungester at deaconpaul@stjeromewalbridge.org.

Prayer Chain: Email, Call or Text Jean Momenee at jimom777@aol.com or 419-601-3118

Crisis Pregnancy: Call or Text 567-694-5576

Project Rachael Help Line: 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) www.hopeafterabortion.com

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an Emergency, outside of regular operating hours, please call the Parish Office at 419-666-2857, and follow the appropriate prompts.

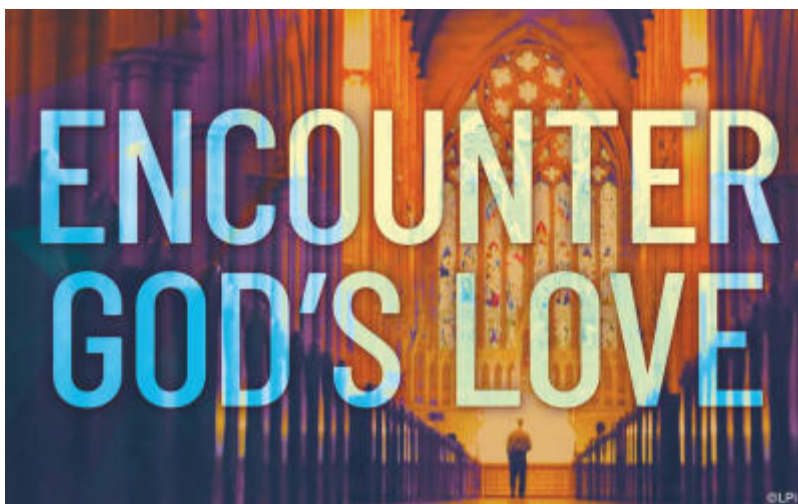
GOSPEL MEDITATION

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Happenings at St. Jerome And The Community

MASS OF REMBERANCE WITH BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

Join us **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at 7 p.m.** at Saint Rose Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg, OH. The mass is for any mother, father or family member who has lost a child to miscarriage, still birth or abortion. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass. Then join us for a coffee/cookie meet and greet in the church basement following Mass hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel and the St. Rose Respect Life Committee. For more event information, contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator, at (419) 260-5811 or email kpakka@toledodiocese.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sponsored by the Catholic Business Network: Harvey Popovich, MD This freewill offering event will be held **Thursday, February 17, 2021** at The Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, OH. Doors open at 7 a.m. Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. Program at 8 a.m. Register online at eventbrite.com to reserve your seat.

MOURNING GLORY

We will be meeting **January 4th at 2pm** in the Library. If you have lost a spouse and would like to attend, please feel free!

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

The family that prays together stays together. Join us **Tuesday, January 18th from 7-8pm**. Bring your children in humble adoration! This is a great time to Pray, Praise and Worship!

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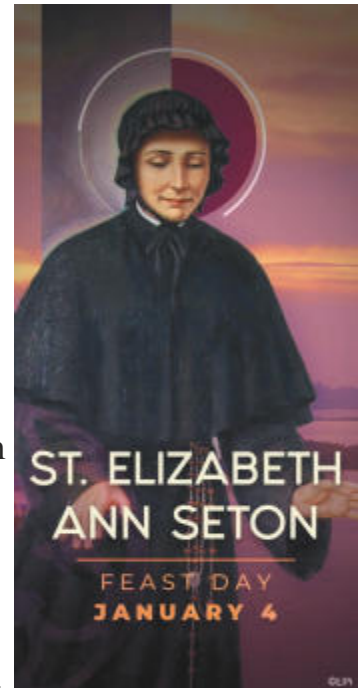
Join us **January 11 from 6-9pm** at St. Jerome Church for a night of worship, prayer and healing. Fr. Anthony will be available for confession.

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL COOKS

Do you enjoy cooking? We are seeking volunteers to cook meal for one, Fr. Anthony, on Tuesdays. Volunteers are asked to prepare a healthy low carb/high protein meal for one and drop it in the Parish Hall. This will be done on a rotating schedule. Please contact the parish office for details.

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."

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St. Jerome Calendar

Monday, January 3

Tuesday, January 4

8:00am Mass/Church
 9-9pm—Adoration
 2pm—Mourning Glory/Library
 7:00pm—RCIA/St. Kateri MR

Wednesday, January 5

8:00am Mass/Church
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church

Thursday, January 6

8:00am Mass/Church
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church
 9-1pm—Threads of Faith, Hope & Love/ St. Anne MR
 7-9pm—Acts Bible Study/Library

Friday, January 7

8:00am Mass
 8:30pm—Rosary Following Mass/Church
 6:30-8:30pm—Girl Scouts/St. Anne MR

Saturday, January 8

3:30pm—Reconciliation/Church
 4:30pm Mass/Church

Sunday, January 9

8:00am—Mass
 10:00am—Mass
 11:15am—PREP
 11:30am—PREP Confirmation
 Parent Meeting/PH

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Gift giving this year. We gave away 212 gifts!! That's 212 children that received a gift, who otherwise wouldn't get anything this Christmas. We want to give a big thank you to Sue LaPointe and all who helped with the tree and passing out gifts. We gave away 103 Aldi Gifts cards at Thanksgiving and 105 at Christmas



Weekend of December 18th & 19th, 2021

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| Sunday Collection | \$4,339.00 |
| Online Giving | \$5,721.50 |
| Total Sunday Giving | \$10,060.50 |
| Weekly Financial Goal | \$9,700.00 |

Attendance: 344

Pastoral Council: Angie Raglow (Interim President) Debbie Ekey, Frank Kiss, Matt Wise, Sonnie Bullock, Jim Halicek, Carman Tolles, John Smith

Finance Council: Charles Rupp (Chair), Julie Pinciotti, Robin Kamann, Sue Trumbull, and Jim Lagger



Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you to those of you who shared your Christmas cheer with me through cards, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for your generosity. Please be assured of my prayers for you.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2
4:30pm Ethel Gilsdorf

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord; 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
8:00am Mary Jane Hinkle
10:00am Barb Narges

Monday, January 3 Christmas Weekday; Holy Name of Jesus; 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4 USA, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
8:00am The USA

Wednesday, January 5 USA, Saint John Neumann, Bishop; 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
8:00am John Southard


Thursday, January 6 Christmas Weekday, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious; 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
8:00am Charles White

Friday, January 7 Christmas Weekday, Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest; 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
8:00am Vincent Morgillo *

Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday; 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
4:30pm Ethel Gilsdorf

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord; Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
8:00am Aidan Warren #
10:00am Mary Catherine Thies

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