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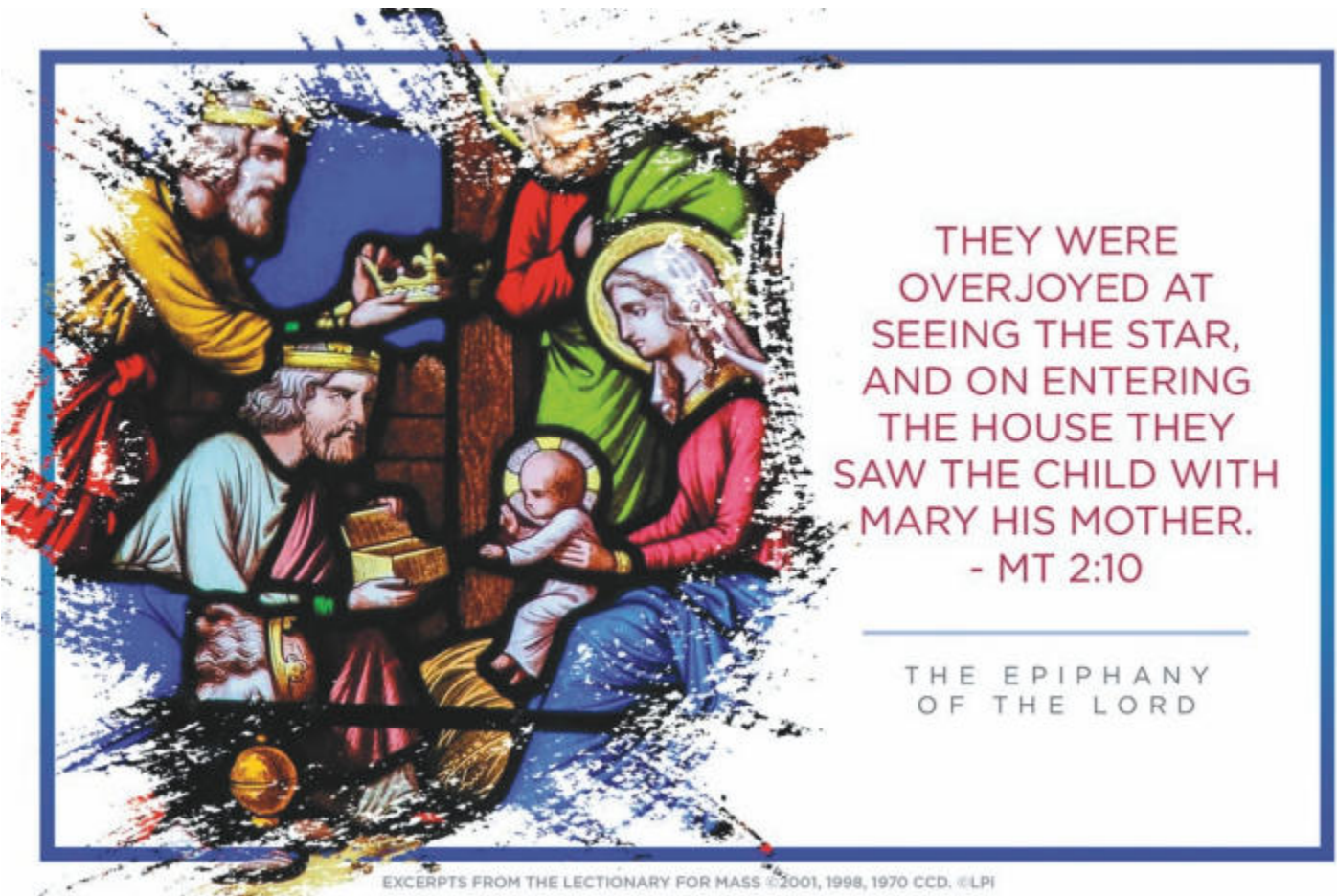
MERCER, PENNSYLVANIA

Blessed Christmas!

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we embark upon a New Year, once again, we find that we are still dealing with COVID-19. As you know, the entire world is going through much of the same.

Perhaps there was a sense of hope last year at this time that, as we turned the page on 2020, this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case despite man's best efforts of masks, vaccines, and mandates! While humanity can only do what we can in our strength, we must remember that God is still on the Throne regardless of where we have been or where we are going!



JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

How can we help you?

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:00 PM & by appointment.

BAPTISM

By individual appointment. Baptism is celebrated during the weekend Liturgies.

MATRIMONY

6 months preparation required.

ANOINTING OF SICK

If you or a loved one are sick, facing surgery or are in any health need, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Monthly visits by Pastor & Eucharistic Ministers. Celebration of the Mass:

Avalon Springs:

10:30 AM - 3rd Friday of the month.

Countryside:

10:30 AM - 4th Friday of the month.

Hospitalized

Please contact the Parish Office for pastoral visit.

Faith Formation

Youth: Gr. 1-11 Sunday 9:00-10:15 AM

Adult: R.C.I.A./Adult Ed. - as scheduled

Social Services

SHARING SHED FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

AA: Tues. at 7:30 PM (Gallagher Hall)

AA: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Gallagher Hall)

AI Anon: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Learning Center)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mass Intentions: 724-662-2999.

Prayer Chain: Janice: 724-977-7860

e-mail: jdl59@verizon.net

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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IHM PRAYER INTENTIONS



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Judy Zuzack

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Diana Hess

Brendan Minnock

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Emilia Blanchfield

Martha Rupert

Terri Chaney

Bailey Helch

Rita Spirko

Andrew G.

Abigail Joy Campbell

Juliane Vurell

Robert Angelucci

To be included in our prayer chain, call Janice at 724-977-7860, or the rectory at 724-662-2999.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

ALTAR SERVERS

None Scheduled At This Time

LECTORS

31 Dec 5:00 pm - D. Birch
 01 Jan 9:00 am - D. Whittaker
 5:00 pm - T. Waterloo
 02 Jan 8:00 am - K. Whittaker
 10:30 am - B. Sajewski
 08 Jan 5:00 pm - T. Waterloo
 09 Jan 8:00 am - B. Kehlbeck
 10:30 am - M. Hazi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

31 Dec 5:00 pm - S. DeMarsh
 01 Jan 9:00 am - J. Sweet
 5:00 pm - T. DeMarsh
 02 Jan 8:00 am - A. M. Kwaiser
 10:30 am - D. McMullen
 08 Jan 5:00 pm - T. Krupa
 09 Jan 8:00 am - M. Shomin
 10:30 am - N. Stauff

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

None Scheduled At This Time

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

08 Jan 4:30 pm - B. Krug
 15 Jan 4:30 pm - R. Hiteshew

COLLECTION COUNTERS

None Scheduled At This Time

SHARING SHED 10:00 am - 11:00 am

08 Jan T. Crespo, M. A. Ream, E. Lechman

FAITH FORMATION



Grades 1 - 11
Every Sunday 9 AM - 10:15 AM
 dismissal from Gallagher Hall
Masks required

Sun. Jan. 02: No Class
 Sun. Jan. 09: Classes Resume
 Sun. Jan. 16: Class Reconciliation Gr. 5 & 7



Fundraising Committee Meeting

Members of the Fundraising Committee are reminded of the next meeting on Thursday, January 13, at 6:30 pm, in the Learning Center.

Church Fundraising

**Weekly Offering
 December 26, 2021**

Loose Money	174.00
Offertory	1,355.00
Christmas Loose Money	2,983.00
Christmas	541.00
Children Christmas	2.00
Facilities Maintenance	5.00
Total:	\$ 5,060.00

ONLINE:

Offertory	\$ 1,548.00
Fuel & Utilities	125.00
Christmas	100.00
Religious Retirement	65.00
Total:	\$ 1,838.00

Catholic Services Appeal
104 Families Pledged \$45,545
Paid to Date \$45,325



“There’s rumblings of a Rummage Sale”

Coming Saturday, April 23, 2022
to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

As you tackle spring cleaning, closet clean outs, plan to move or downsize, remember the Rummage Sale and box good condition or gently used items.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eldora Blaze, Walter Jarrett, Kathy Zuccaro, Ron Mahen, Francis Valentage and Bob McGhee who died recently and for their families.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17
/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

From Fr. Matt:

Dear Friends,

As we begin 2022 and continue celebrating the Christmas Festival, may God’s choicest blessings always be yours.

Pray! COVID is still rampant. If you have not been asking God’s help, NOW would be a good time to do so. On the same note, the suffering of the entire human race from Covid in mind, what message can we discern from such suffering?

Bishop Persico continues to encourages every one to wear a mask when gathered in church for Mass.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This is one of my favorite days in the church calendar. The star, the gifts, the kings, how could one not love it?

Our celebration of the Magi is meant to remind us that Christ comes for all people. They follow a star from the ends of the earth to find Jesus, the Light of the world. Their gifts give us insight into who this child is: gold for a king, incense for one who is God, and myrrh for the one who is to suffer. What gifts can we offer to the Christ child to reveal to him who we are and the talents that we have?

God reveals himself to us in the most amazing and unsuspecting ways. As we celebrate this great feast of light, we must recommit ourselves to not allowing anything to get into the way of our relationship with God. We must remind ourselves that God’s ways are way above our own. And we must trust in God to show us the way and answer our every need.

Stay safe,

Fr. Matt

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Number of People in Household: _____

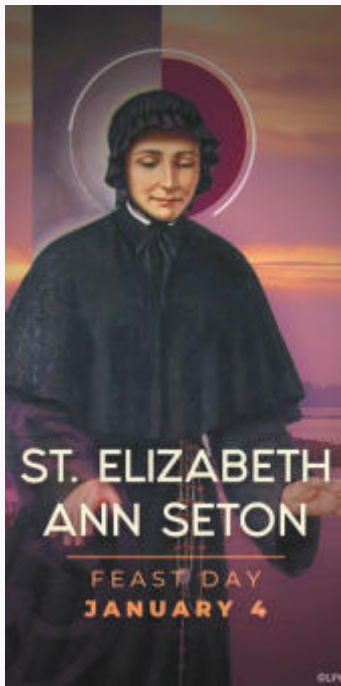
CIRCLE ONE: Request for Registration Form Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the collection basket or mail to the Rectory.

Make 2022
YOUR YEAR!

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has a variety of retreats planned for 2022.

Go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org to see what retreats are in the works. In addition, Bethany offers private retreats for groups and organizations and personal retreats for individuals wishing to get away for silence and solitude. To inquire, call 814-263-4855.



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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am † **Fred Kehlbeck** (Family)
5:00 pm **People of the Parish**

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am † **Joe Shipton** (Marianne Shipton)
10:30 am † **Ellen Oehlbeck**
(Larry Zitko Family)

Monday, January 3

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4

Mass at St. Mark's Chapel

† **Faithful Departed**

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 am † **Patty D'Angio**
(David & Janice Langdon)
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am † **Martha H. Ray** (Russell Family)

Friday, January 7 First Friday

8:00 am † **Barbara Bushkar** (Tina Desuta)

Saturday, January 8

5:00 pm † **Earl Edward Yingling**
(Fr. Matt & Staff)

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
10:30 am **Special Intention**
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)



Eternal Light

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. The Sanctuary Vigil Light is burning this month in memory of Nicholas and Louise Manfredi as requested by the Family.

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