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**SUNDAY
JANUARY 2
2022**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M–TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday–Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 9:30 am - Confession

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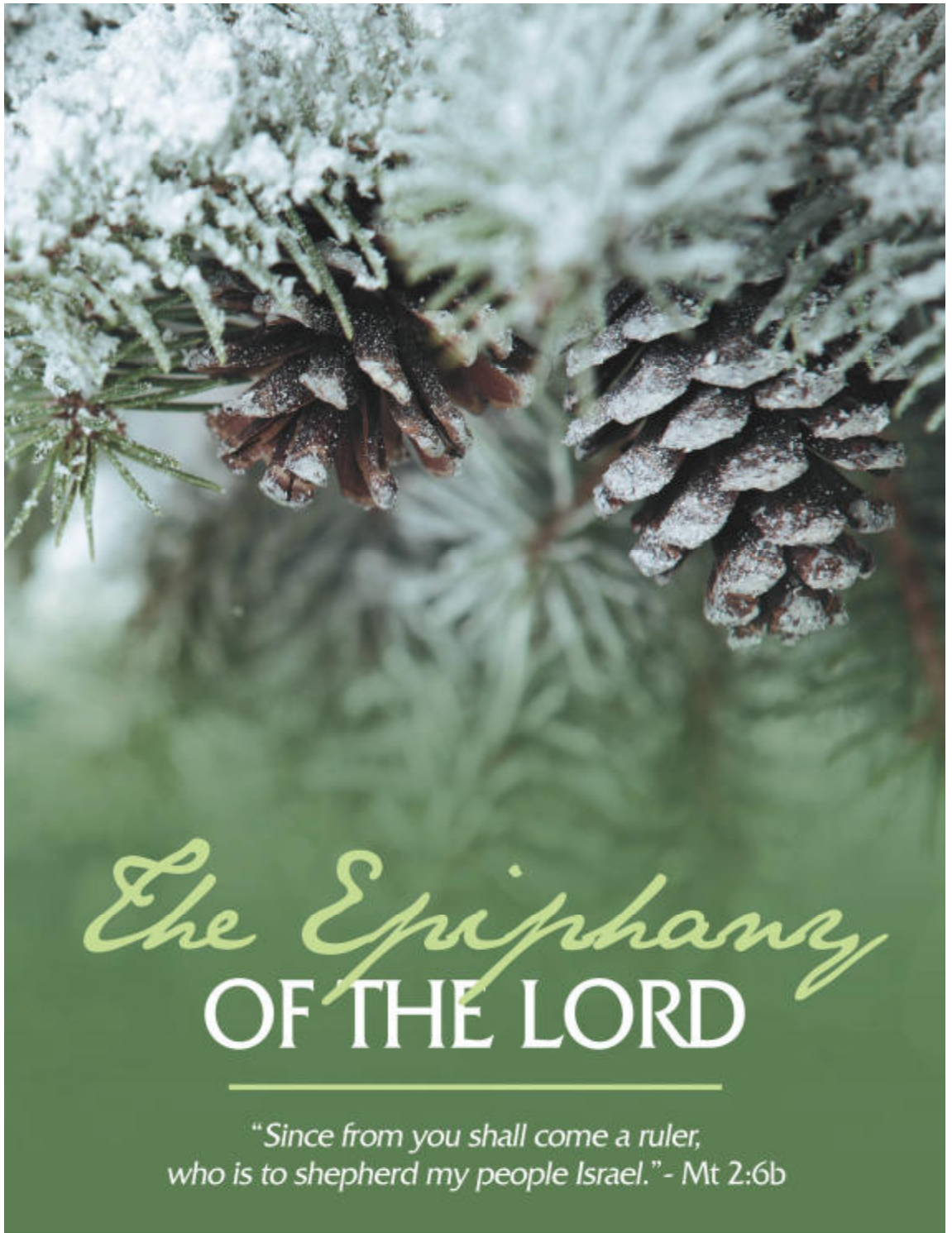
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The Epiphany OF THE LORD

*“Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” - Mt 2:6b*

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

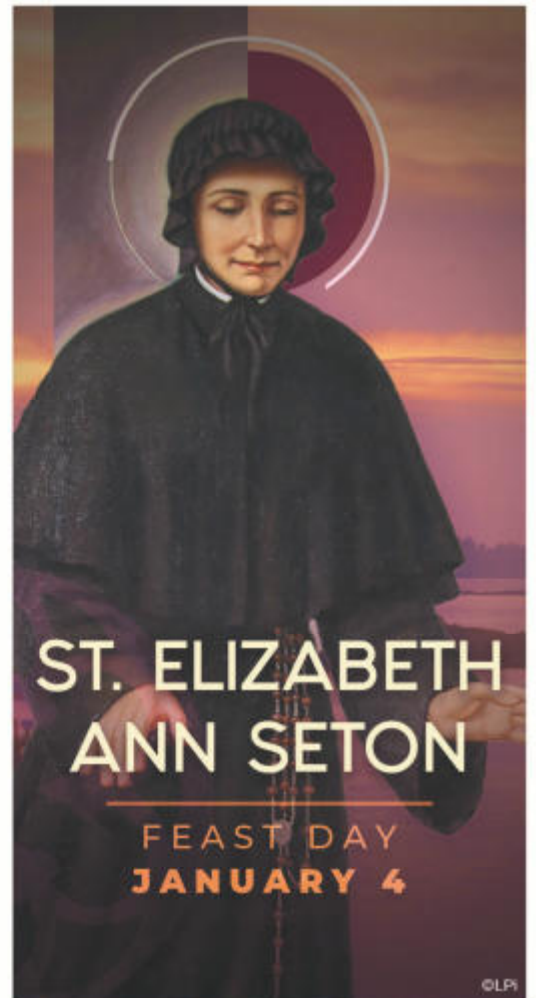
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 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 [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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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."



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.



MON 1/3	NO MASS
TUES 1/4 9AM	Gertrude McGinty [Stawaisz Family]
WED 1/5	NO MASS
THU 1/6 9AM	Anthony Reno [Laura Bukovinsky & Dawn Miller]
FRI 1/7 9AM	Hugh O'Brien [Bill & Tina Bianco]
SAT 1/8 9AM	Joan Kodash [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
SAT 1/8 4PM	Barbara Oleskey [Kathleen Hudson]
SUN 1/9 8AM	Jackie Yanovich [George & Donna Hinchcliff]
SUN 1/9 11AM	Mass for the People



SAT 1/8 4PM	EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / D. Boller D. Boller / T. Spatara	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 1/9 8AM	EUCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / P. Clark J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 1/9 11AM	EUCHARISTIC MIN. M. Hohman / S. Hohman O. Yoursh	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

A special thank you to all who have graced us with cards, gifts, wishes and treats this Christmas season - Ginger thanks you too!

May God bless you in the New Year with health and happiness.

Fr. Allen and the parish staff

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
MON	NO MASS	7:30 AM
TUE	9:00 AM	6:00 PM *6:30 PM Confessions
WED	NO MASS	7:30 AM
THU	9:00 AM	NO MASS
FRI	9:00 AM	7:30 AM
SAT	9:00 AM *9:30 AM Confessions	

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
SAT	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
SUN	8:00 and 11:00 AM	9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **toilet paper**. The upcoming item will be quart and gallon sized storage bags.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

**EUCHARISTIC
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM-11:00 PM

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

MARRIAGE MOMENT

The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels, and stars. (Mt. 2:1-12) But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2021 Sacrificial Giving to Notre Dame will be prepared and mailed February 1, 2022 for those on our tax list.

If you would like a 2021 statement and want to be added to the list, please call the parish office, 724-981-5566.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K–11th** / Sunday Mornings: **9:20am–10:45am**

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director

Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary

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NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

January

2 NO CLASS
9 Class (Safe Environment In-Service/All Grades)
16 Class
23 Class
30 NO CLASS (Confirmation Retreat)

February

6 Class
13 Class
20 Class
27 NO CLASS (First Penance Retreat)



Christmas Flowers

Additional Names

In Memory of:

Tom & Betsy Barner

Marianne Kovac

Helen Benes

Peg & Chuck Means

Steve Benes

Lee & Don Negro

Ben Buzard

Robert Tallarico

Anna & Sam Fisher

Evelyn & Paul Heckathorn

In Honor of:

Bill & Cindy Ser

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT
AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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?

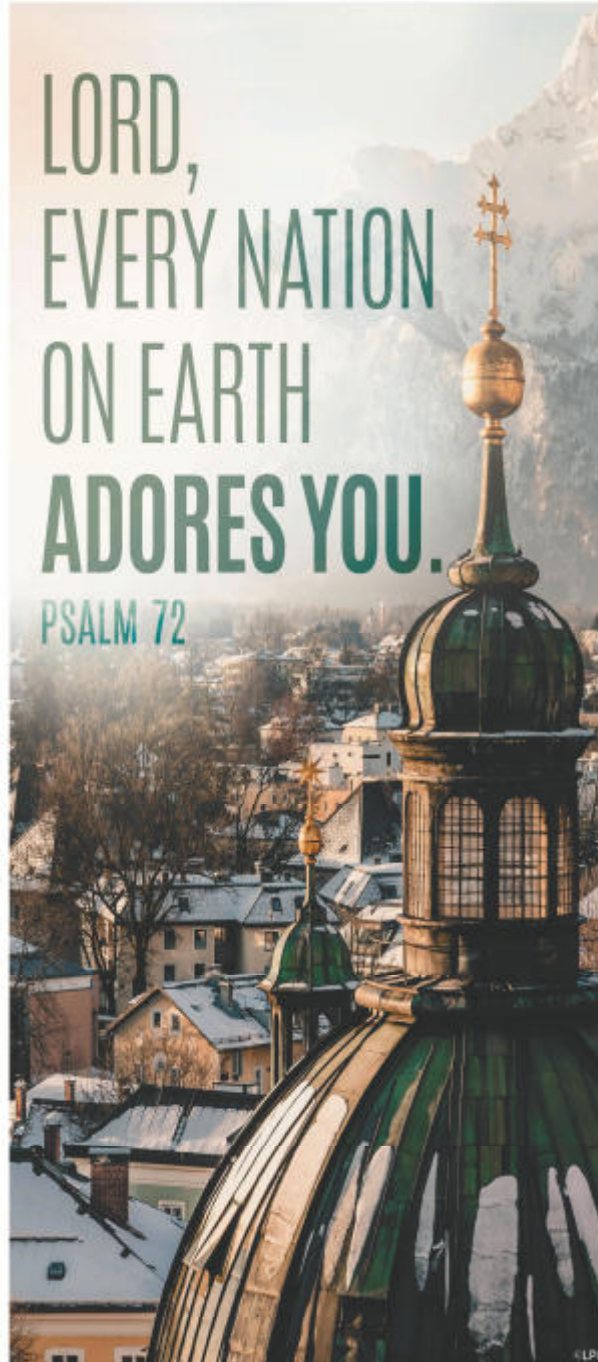
Second Reading:

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?

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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