



New Year Prayer

**As a New Year begins,
we come to You, God
and ask for Your blessing.**

**Open us to the wonders
you have created
so that we may recognize
the Joy you fill our days with,
the peace you fill our minds with,
and the love you
overflow our hearts with.**

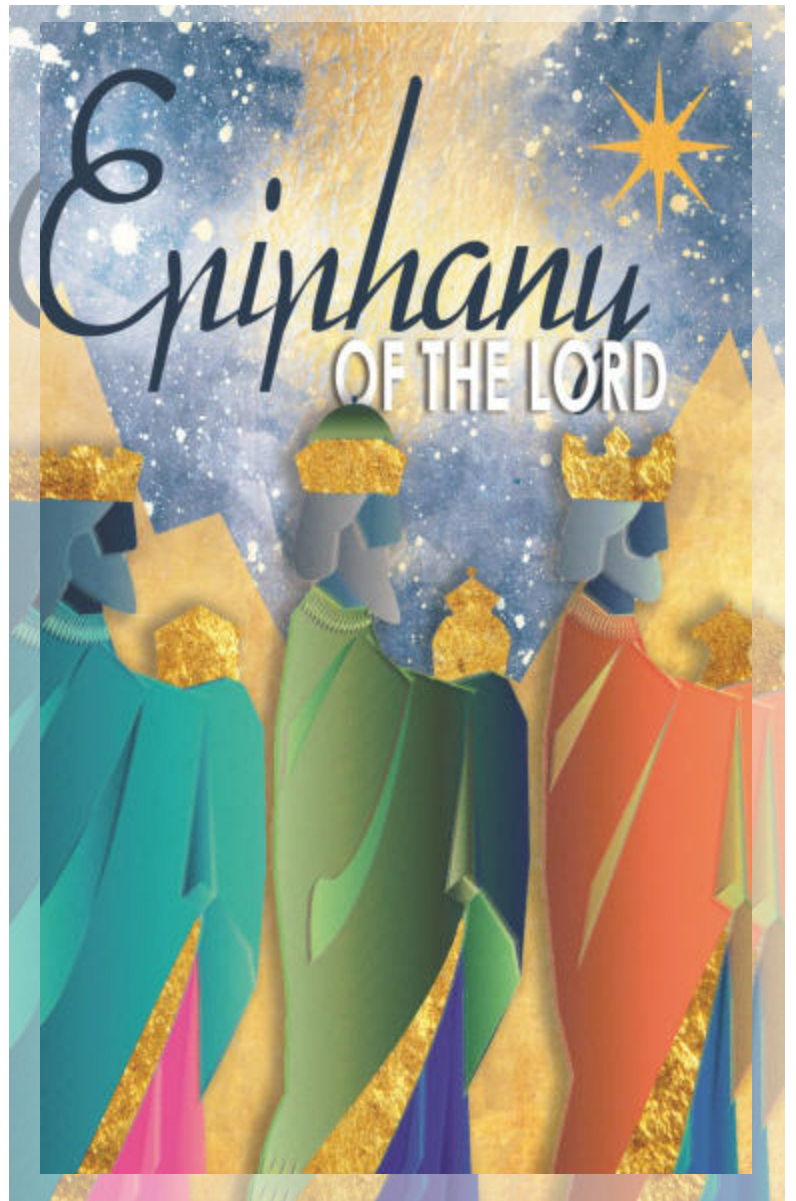
**We ask your blessings over
our families and neighbors, Lord.**

**May we harvest the good
you have intended for us in this New Year,
and may we willingly share that abundance
with all we encounter.**

**Thank You for the opportunities
to do Your good works in this world.**

**We seek You in our everyday lives
as the Magi sought You out
over 2000 years ago.**

Amen



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and put closure to our Christmas Season. The Spirit of the Christmas Season calls us to continue to witness the presence of Emmanuel, God-is-with-us. It is a time to remember that all of us are called to ministry, a ministry in which we continue to celebrate our oneness with the Lord and with one another through our outreach and service to others. Let us take a few moments and reflect on the call to witness the presence of Christ in our world. Happy New Year! *Laura*

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection

The Monthly Food Collection for our Neighbors in Need is Next Weekend January 1/2, 2022.



November Report

During the month of November 2021, St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Louis provided assistance to our neighbors in need in the following ways:

Food: Provided for 79 families, consisting of 173 people
Hygiene/Household 46 families- 115 people

Shelter/Utilities: 2 Work Shoes: 0

Transportation: 7

Mattress/Beds: 0

Other: Clothing: 1; Rx- 0; State ID/Licenses-2

Total Assistance Provided: 91 families

Total Expenditures in November: \$ 8,256.74

St. Vincent de Paul is blessed to have the outstanding support of our generous parishioners, benefactors and our Parish Staff. Without you and our dedicated St. Vincent Volunteers, we would not have been able to continue to provide this level of assistance to our neighbors in need.

THANK YOU ALL !!!!

The Women and Men of St Vincent de Paul



Need Food Assistance?

If you or someone you know needs our assistance with food, please visit our St. Vincent de Paul crisis-compliant drive-thru food pantry line Mon-Fri 2:30-3:30 pm. Any questions, please call our Voice Mail at (586) 468-8734 x106 and a volunteer will return your call.

Could You Spare?

We always accept donations of non-perishable food items for our SVDP Pantry. Items can be brought to church on the weekend or placed in the bed of the black, SVDP truck in the rear parking lot.





The Offertory at Christmas

Did you know that our Christmas offering stays here, in our parish?

A typical weekly collection is taxed 7%, which goes to the Archdiocese of Detroit to fund the services they provide on a local and national level. Christmas is different. All monies collected as the “Christmas Collection” stay here for us to use for the upkeep, updating and uplifting of our own parish community — it is part of our annual budget. It is best to use the Christmas Envelope from your envelope mailing or a plain envelope marked “Christmas Collection”, with envelope number or Registered Parishioners name or you can use the Online Giving offered on our webpage.

Here is another nice part, you don’t have to give it on Christmas Day. As long as you specify your donation is for the Christmas Collection and have it in before January 8, 2022 it can still be applied. You can place it in the collection basket, drop it off through the office carry-out window or use our online giving platform. We ask that you prayerfully consider the tax free advantage of the St. Louis Catholic Community Christmas Collection. Thank You!

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

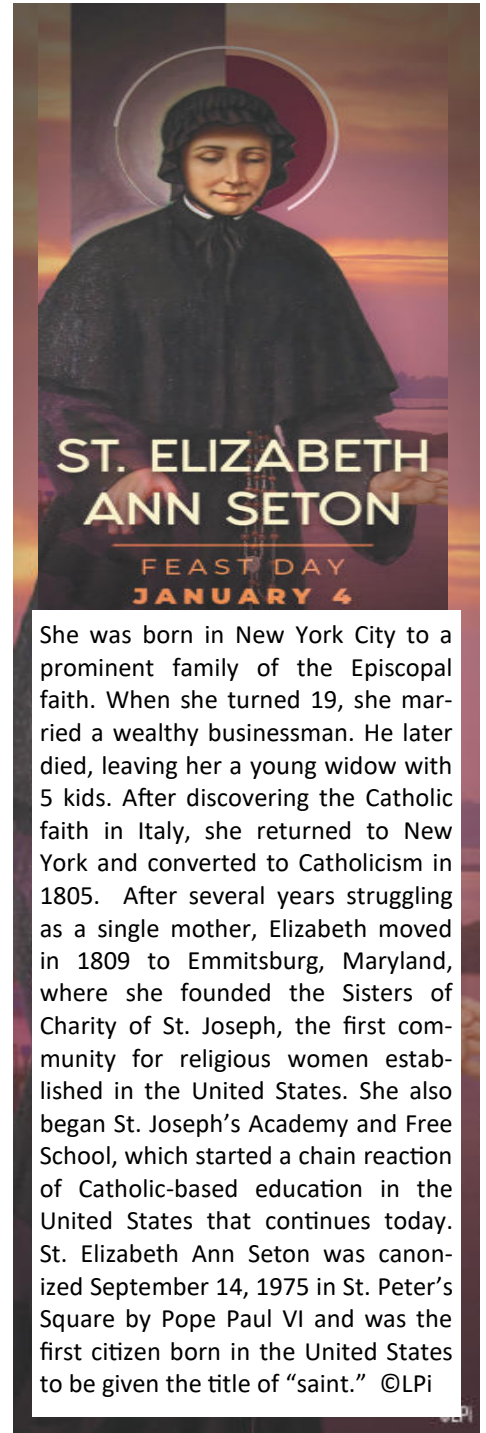
If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?” That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc



She was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman. He later died, leaving her a young widow with 5 kids. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, 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.” ©LPi



For December 12, 2021

Budgeted Amount	\$9,500.00
Envelopes	\$3,897.00
Online Giving	\$1,000.00
Loose Monies	\$272.00
Total	\$5,169.00
Shortage for week	\$4,331.00
% of Budget	54%

Year to Date - \$28,317.75

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022

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. ©LPi

Happy Winter

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LITURGICAL LIFE

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?

Readings for the Week

Sunday 1/2:

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

Wednesday 1/5:

1 Jn 4:11-18
 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
 Mk 6:45-52

Saturday 1/8:

1 Jn 5:14-21
 Ps 149:1-6, 9
 Jn 3:22-30

Monday 1/3:

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

Thursday 1/6:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4
 Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17
 Lk 4:14-22

Sunday 1/9:

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

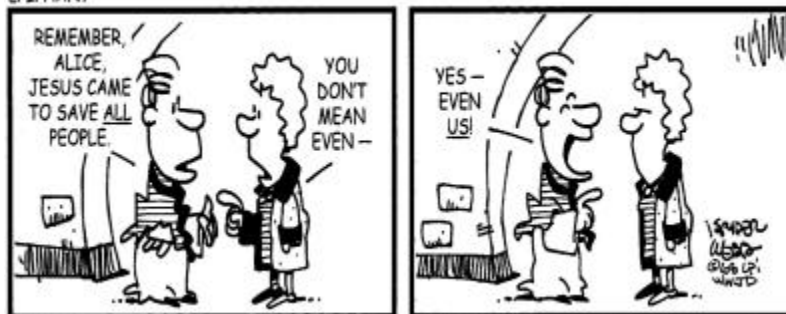
Tuesday 1/4:

1 Jn 4:7-10
 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
 Mk 6:34-44

Friday 1/7:

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

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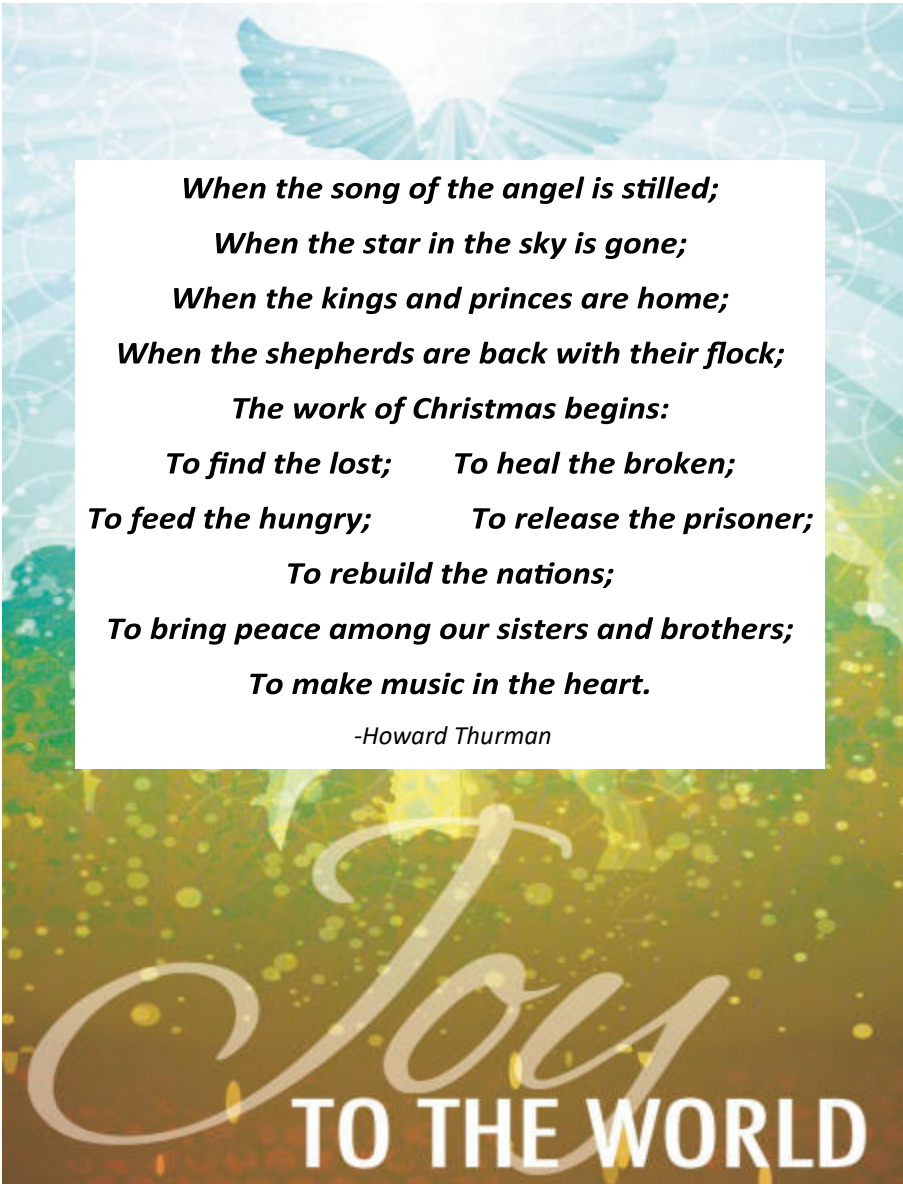
End of the Year Tax Contribution Statements

Statements will be available for pick up at the end of January. If you require your statement earlier than this date, please call the parish office to make arrangements.



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- **January 1/2 No Livestream**
- **January 8—4:30 pm Liturgy**
- **January 16—10:30 am Liturgy**



***When the song of the angel is stilled;
When the star in the sky is gone;
When the kings and princes are home;
When the shepherds are back with their flock;
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost; To heal the broken;
To feed the hungry; To release the prisoner;
To rebuild the nations;
To bring peace among our sisters and brothers;
To make music in the heart.***

-Howard Thurman

Three Wise Men ... who were they?



Question: *Magi, Three Kings,
Three Wise Men...who were
they?*

Answer: We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations. ©LPI

Liturgy INTENTIONS



Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, January 1, 2022
No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2022
4:30pm Liturgy
Mary "Betty" DePage

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30am Liturgy
Henry & Celeste Kusz, Mary
Frances Ethier (19th Ann.)

10:30am Liturgy

Millie Wollborg, George Sicken,
George D. Walters

Monday, January 3, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Thursday, January 6, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Friday, January 7, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:30pm Liturgy

Leslie Pluhar
by Rose, Pietrowski,
and Esson Families
Bob Millar (5th Ann.)
by Cele Millar & Family

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30am Liturgy

George D. Walters
by Nicole & Family

10:30am Liturgy

—Leshan Baptism after liturgy

Virginia Quell
by Linda Kolos
Ronald Steinberg
by Family



Gloria Adelsbach
Mary &
Robert Agius
Rick Andrzejewski
Gary Atkins
Betty Attard
Val Augustine
Margo Baker
Gerald Bates
Jeff Benoit
Everett Bissonette
Judy Boston
Elaine Botzen
Pat Bradacs
Dawn Brass
Michael Brass
Liz Bryer
Dennis Burgio
Gary Buffa
Dennis Burgio
Sonya Chadwick
Christopher
Christensen
Caylan Clark
Bob Clevio
Molly Connaire
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Greg Curley
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Eleanor DaVia
Bram deRoos
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Fred Dodge
Ginny Dotterer
Jeff Eichelberger
Shirley Fay
Jennifer Flaker
Margaret Forton
Eric Gavin
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Carol LaGrow
Jay Lawless
Nora Litzenburg
Tom & Virginia
Livesay
Patricia Lozen
Jim Lyons
Stephanie MacCarroll
Frank Majkowski
Michael Maras
Vincent Marheuko
Mary Mariano
Barb Mercier
Connie Meyers
Beatrice McCaffery
Colleen McCarthy
Ronald Milas
Pat Militello
Cheryl Miller
Steve Mills
Tamsey Milton
Carolyn Misplon
Larry Mitchell
Jason Moore
Mark Morris
Marilyn Myrna
Hannah Neace
Madelyn O'Brien
Thomas Paczkowski
Sharon Paul
Elizabeth Pfuertinger
Linda Pidutti
Virginia Pimental
Barbara Plescow

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Stephen Prusik
Jack Rahn
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Jim Ray
Norma Rigby
Karen Rothenhauser
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Kathleen Rusinosk
Josh Sajor
Janice Sahr
David Schaff
Denise Schebil
Pat Schlutow
Darlene Setters
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Derek Skrupski
Jeanne Spicuzza
Joe Szabelski
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Joshua Todd
Dorothy VanBaaln
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Diane Verras
Barb Veith
Denise Walters
Brandie Watters
Meghan White
Gary Whitehead
Bob Willaert
Denise Williams
Kathy Wilson
Sue Wokuluk
Wesley Wykowski
Margaret Wyon
Crystal Yaeger
Dominic Zeppa

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

JANUARY 1

John J. Radziecki—age 82 (1973)
Elizabeth Davey—age 77 (1978)
Robert W. Emerick—age 69 (1978)
Antonina Cataldo—age 84 (1983)
Jerry Hiller—age 79 (1987)
Eva Dubia—age 83 (1988)
Mary Frances Ethier—age 92 (2003)
Francis Carroll—age 80 (2010)
Richard W. Pellegrino—age 68 (2017)

JANUARY 2

George LaClante—age 61 (1971)
Harold Peters—age 69 (1980)
Beatrice Pingel—age 75 (1982)
Gabrielle VanHoutte—age 84 (1982)
Catherine Sheardy—age 77 (2000)
Margaret Healy—age 86 (2013)

JANUARY 3

Marguerite VerVaecke—age 86 (1973)
Robert Arend—age 63 (1974)
George Krantz, Sr.—age 64 (1975)
Frank Buchler—age 77 (1994)
Giovanni Serra—age 78 (1997)
Catherine Rimas—age 73 (1998)
George Jacob—age 67 (1999)
Leonard Sikorski—age 75 (2002)
Daniel Peltier, Sr.—age 92 (2003)
Eric M. Olson, Sr.—age 83 (2005)
Zakie Charbeneau—age 98 (2010)
Charles W. Youngblood—age 98 (2014)
Robert Millar—age 86 (2017)
Marie Kapala—age 89 (2020)

JANUARY 4

Stanley Trombley—age 62 (1976)
Salvador Cracchiolo—age 79 (1979)

Florence Pizzuti—age 58 (1982)
Arthur Allor (1982)
Robert Roberts—age 74 (1995)
Joseph J. Bianchini—age 64(2000)

JANUARY 5

Bernadine France—age 67 (1972)
Maude Moffatt—age 91 (1979)
Emily Lucier—age 86 (1980)
Mary Wilde—age 96 (1994)
August Giordano—age 80 (2002)

JANUARY 6

Thomas Shather—age 64 (1973)
Leona M. Wellman—age 73 (1973)
Bernard Fitzpatrick—age 86 (1980)
Grace Wright—age 68 (1981)
Emma Lobbstael—age 76 (1993)
Genevieve T. Glowicki—age 78 (1999)
Albert Riediel—age 69 (2000)
Dorothy J. Nehr—age 86 (2002)

JANUARY 7

Charles W. Walters—age 67 (1975)
Eleanor Fenn—age 53 (1990)
Owen Gies—age 51 (2006)



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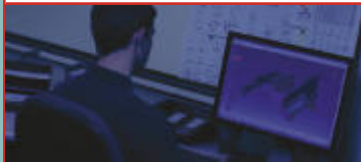
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