



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

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

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*St. Mary, Our Lady
of the Annunciation
January 2, 2022
Rev. James R. Rafferty, Pastor
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Mass Schedule

Monday, January 3, 2022

Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. Susan Cuzelis & Family by JoAnn Scanland

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 a.m. Ken Cuzeliz+

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

St. John Neumann, bishop

6:30 p.m. Living and deceased parishioners of St. Mary
Sanctification of Priests Mary's beloved sons
Ruth Ann Westrick+ by Family
Scott Head+ by Paul & Jill Brazier
Charlene Gibson+ by Darlene Beaudrie
All the souls in purgatory & In Thanksgiving by
Leonie Fernando & Family

Thursday, January 6, 2022

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. Linda Clark+ 12th Anniv. By Betty Hanson

Friday, January 7, 2022

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:30 a.m. Bill Boulay+ by wife Connie
7:00 p.m. Christopher Grant+ by Family

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Bill & Connie Boulay by Darlene Beaudrie
Kenneth Cuzelis+ by Paul & Jill Brazier
Gerald & David Masserant+
by Dino & Mary Bonanni
Joseph Selva+ by D of M
Beverly Gonyea by Barb Metzger & Judy

4:30 p.m. Lottie Babinski+ by Tony & Joan Kostecki

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Gene Remaklus by Tony Conti & Tanina Strauss

10:00 a.m. Leonard Venier+ 2nd Anniv.
By Craig & Joyce Ritchie

11:45 a.m. Diane Zuker+ by Tony Conti & Tanina Strauss

Giving Basket Needs

**Rice, Spaghetti Os, family size cereal, Oatmeal, Spaghetti,
cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup**

*"Whatever you do to the least of my Brethren,
that you do unto me."*

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Jan 6-9th

Benediction 1/6	1/7/22 7:00 pm	Mass	4:30 p.m.	8:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
John P	Janet K	Lector	Mary Jo P	Ken R	Ralph S	Robert R
	John P	Acolyte	Patrick C	Michael D	Tony R	Joe C
		Servers	John L	Hunter/Ryder	Jaxon S	Brody T

January 2022 Calendar

Rosary is prayed Mass

Information is based on submission date of bulletin and subject to change; watch website and flocknote

2 Mass 8:15, 10:00 & 11:45am	3 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am	4 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00, & 6:30pm Catechism 6pm	5 Unite Hearts Noon Confession 6pm Mass 6:30pm	6 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	7 Confession 8am & 6:30pm Mass 8:30am & 7pm	8 Confession 8:00am & 3:00pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm
9 Mass 8:15, 10:00 & 11:45am Confirmation Sunday Session 9:30	10 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am	11 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00, & 6:30pm Catechism 6pm	12 Confession 6pm Mass 6:30pm K of C Planning 7:30pm	13 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	14 Mass 8:30am	15 Confession 8:00am & 3:00pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm Clothing Closet & Giving Basket 10-noon
16 Mass 8:15, 10:00 & 11:45am	17 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am	18 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00, & 6:30pm Catechism 6pm	19 Confession 6pm Mass 6:30pm	20 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	21 Mass 8:30am	22 Confession 8:00am & 3:00pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm

Chalking the Door

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 22

The letters C, M, B have two meanings: **1.** They are the initials of the traditional name of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar **2.** They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The plus signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries old practice throughout the world and an easy tradition to adopt. It’s a great practice where we dedicate our year to God from its beginning, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there.

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

“May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us, and may we seek and serve, in every-one we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.”

There is blessed chalk available in the gathering space as well as at the front entrance of the church. Happy and blessed New Year!

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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The clothing closet will now be accepting donations. Please bring your donations on the days of operation, which are the first and third Saturday of the month, from 10-12pm. Thank you for your generosity.

January 2nd

All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for their mother; anyone who does not have Mary for his mother, does not have God for his father.

—St. Louis de Montfort

Our Spiritual Mother, pray for us!



Attention Religious Education Families

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and your New Year is off to a great start. As we jump into 2022, our sacramental students will be extra busy with retreats and preparing for this spring’s sacraments. Parents, pay close attention to the calendar and your emails for all the information!!

Calendar for 2022

Jan. 4th Class

Jan. 9th Confirmation Sunday Session #6 (9:30-11:30am)

Jan. 11th Class

Jan. 18th Class—Movie Night

Jan. 23rd Confirmation Sunday Session #7 (9:30-11:30am)

Readings for the week of January 02, 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

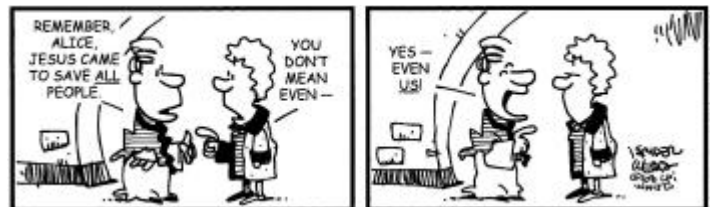
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

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

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Elizabeth Seton Quotes

The reward of sacrifice is peace.

Penance is the purifier of the soul.

You think you make sacrifices. Look at the sacrifice of Calvary and compare yours.

To enjoy we must love, and to love, we must sacrifice.

A gloomy and constrained penance is so unworthy of the Beloved and so unedifying to His dear ones.

—The Quotable Saint, Rosemary Ellen Guiley

15 Catholic New Year's Resolutions

- Read the Bible.** The whole thing. But don't start at Genesis and read through to Revelation. You'll never make it. Take a more manageable approach to soaking in God's word this year. Check out Catholic Journaling Bible and One Year Bible plan.
- Get to know the saints.** Pick up a copy of a book on saints, or pick one saint a month to get to know more deeply.
- Sign up for a holy hour.** Don't just promise yourself you'll make a holy hour; actually sign up so there's more accountability.
- Read something worthwhile.** You'll have to determine for yourself what a good goal would be—one spiritual book a month, or an hour of spiritual reading a day—but reading worthwhile books can be a game-changer.
- Commit to daily *silent* prayer.** This year, commit to a certain amount of time *every day without fail* just being still before the Lord, talking to Him and listening. A good rule of thumb is one minute per day for every year old you are.
- Cling to the sacraments.** Make a concrete resolution to live a more sacramental life. Up your confession game to once a month, add one daily Mass each week, spend more time praying in church instead of just praying in traffic.
- Go on a retreat.** It can be really difficult to find a way to leave home, but it can also be life changing. Make a commitment to go on a retreat this year, whether directed or silent.
- Join a group.** Whether it's a Bible study or a faith-sharing group, find a group of Catholics who meet each week to pray and grow in faith together.
- Do a daily examen.** More than just an examination of conscience, the examen invites us to see how God is working in our lives and how we've chosen to respond. Make a habit to spend 10 minutes each day walking through the previous 24 hours with the Lord.
- Learn to love the Blessed Mother.** For many of us, Mary wasn't a big part of our childhood, but she was a huge part of Jesus' childhood, so she has to be a part of our lives. If you don't love her as you should, try adding some Mary into your life.
- Start fasting.** Did you know all Catholics are expected to perform some act of penance every Friday and the US Bishops recommend abstaining from meat? Do that. Fasting isn't just for Lent; it's a way for us to be conformed to Christ every day.
- Make a pilgrimage.** You don't have to go to Rome. Look up some local Saints or Blesseds or Venerables. If that's too far, just visit your cathedral or local shrine.
- Change what you listen to.** Sanctify your commute and your time in the pickup line by infusing it with Christ.
- Give.** Pray about a measurable goal for giving more, then do it.
- Forgive.** Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. Make a resolution to forgive someone.



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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for the Sick...**

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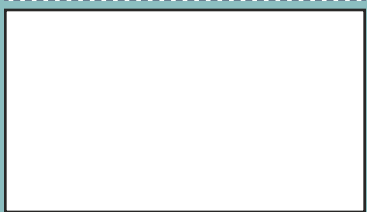
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