

## WELCOME

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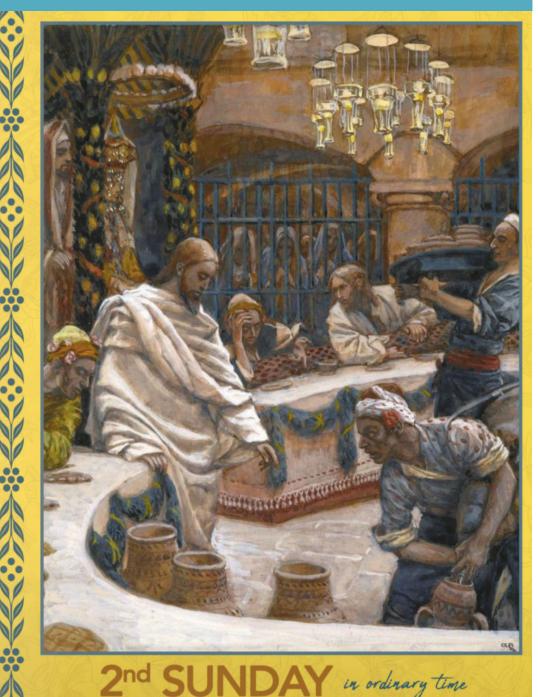
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#### **WELCOME MESSAGE**

We the welcoming family of Holy Cross are delighted to have you join our parish family. Whether you are new to the area, seeking a new parish home, or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we hope you come and spend some time with us at Mass and in prayer and adoration. We seek to offer as many opportunities as possible for parishioners to come together as a family of faith. We pray that you may find warmth and spiritual growth here at Holy Cross!

Holy Cross CATHOLIC CHURCH-

A COMMUNITY CALLED TO BE A WITNESS TO THE GLORIOUS VICTORY OF THE CROSS



Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." -Jn 2:4

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

During his recent speech to Congress on September 24, Pope Francis paid special tribute to the contributions of four great Americans – two Catholics, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, and two non-Catholics, Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In this final installment, we examine the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most important African-American leaders in U.S. history and one of the iconic figures of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s. King's fight against discrimination and segregation changed American history and gave hope to millions of a future of equality.

One of the most inspiring moments of King's life was the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, and his "I Have a Dream" speech, where he stated, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Pope Francis noted the importance of King's dream, one that continues to inspire Americans and people from around the world to this day:

"Here too I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery fifty years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Americans. That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of "dreams". Dreams which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people."

King's call for racial equality is echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity." (CCC 1934).

In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that King's message of equality is rooted in the Gospel passage of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12).

#### As the Holy Father stated:

"This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

The struggle for equality often places us in conflict with policies or laws that seem to contradict this Gospel message. Determining how to respond can be a great challenge. In his famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," King eloquently conveyed his approach to resolving this conflict. His answer was rooted in the teaching of St. Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all," as well as the guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas:

"Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law, or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust." Durante su reciente discurso ante el Congreso el 24 de septiembre, el Papa Francisco rindió un homenaje especial a las contribuciones de cuatro grandes estadounidenses: dos católicos, Dorothy Day y Thomas Merton, y dos no católicos, Abraham Lincoln y el Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

En esta última entrega, examinamos la vida y el legado del gran líder de los derechos civiles, el Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

El Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. es uno de los líderes afroamericanos más importantes en la historia de los Estados Unidos y una de las figuras icónicas del movimiento por los derechos civiles en los Estados Unidos durante las décadas de 1950 y 1960. La lucha de King contra la discriminación y la segregación cambió la historia de Estados Unidos y le dio a millones la esperanza de un futuro de igualdad.

Uno de los momentos más inspiradores de la vida de King fue la Marcha en Washington del 28 de agosto de 1963 y su discurso "Tengo un sueño", donde dijo: "Tengo el sueño de que mis cuatro hijos algún día vivirán en una nación donde no serán juzgados por el color de su piel sino por el contenido de su carácter".

El Papa Francisco destacó la importancia del sueño de King, uno que continúa inspirando a los estadounidenses y personas de todo el mundo hasta el día de hoy:

"Aquí también pienso en la marcha que Martin Luther King encabezó desde Selma a Montgomery hace cincuenta años como parte de la campaña para cumplir su "sueño" de plenos derechos civiles y políticos para los afroamericanos. Ese sueño continúa inspirándonos a todos. Me alegra que América siga siendo, para muchos, una tierra de "sueños". Sueños que llevan a la acción, a la participación, al compromiso. Sueños que despiertan lo más profundo y verdadero en la vida de un pueblo".

El llamado de King a la igualdad racial se repite en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. "Creados a imagen del único Dios e igualmente dotados de almas racionales, todos los hombres tienen la misma naturaleza y el mismo origen. Redimidos por el sacrificio de Cristo, todos están llamados a participar de la misma bienaventuranza divina: todos gozan, por tanto, de igual dignidad." (CEC 1934).

En sus comentarios, el Papa Francisco señaló que el mensaje de igualdad de King tiene sus raíces en el pasaje evangélico de la Regla de Oro. "Haced con los demás lo que queráis que hagan con vosotros" (Mt 7,12).

#### Como dijo el Santo Padre:

"Esta Regla nos señala en una dirección clara. Tratemos a los demás con la misma pasión y compasión con la que queremos ser tratados. Busquemos para los demás las mismas posibilidades que buscamos para nosotros. Ayudemos a los demás a crecer, como nos gustaría ser ayudados a nosotros mismos. En una palabra, si queremos seguridad, démosle seguridad; si queremos vida, démosle vida; si queremos oportunidades, démosle oportunidades. la vara de medir que el tiempo usará para nosotros. La regla de oro también nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad de proteger y defender la vida humana en cada etapa de su desarrollo".

La lucha por la igualdad muchas veces nos pone en conflicto con políticas o leyes que parecen contradecir este mensaje evangélico. Determinar cómo responder puede ser un gran desafío. En su famosa "Carta desde una cárcel de Birmingham", King transmitió elocuentemente su enfoque para resolver este conflicto. Su respuesta se basó en la enseñanza de San Agustín de que "Una ley injusta no es ley en absoluto", así como en la guía de Santo Tomás de Aquino:

"Ahora, ¿cuál es la diferencia entre los dos? ¿Cómo se determina cuándo una ley es justa o injusta? Una ley justa es un código hecho por el hombre que cuadra con la ley moral, o la ley de Dios. Una ley injusta es un código que no está en armonía con la ley moral. Para decirlo en los términos de Santo Tomás de Aquino, una ley injusta es una ley humana que no tiene sus raíces en la ley eterna y natural. Cualquier ley que eleva la personalidad humana es justa. la ley que degrada la personalidad humana es injusta".

## READINGS

#### FIRST READING

#### IS 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,

a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken, "or your land "Desolate, " but you shall be called "My Delight, "and your land "Espoused."

For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin ,your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

#### SECOND READING

1 COR 12:4-11 Peter Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

#### **GOSPEL**

JN 2:1-11 There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from

- although the servers who had drawn the water knew -, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first,

and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,

and his disciples began to believe in him.

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### **MON, TUE, THURS & FRI** 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am & 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

SATURDAY 8:00 am & 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (French)

SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish) **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 

Wednesday & First Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** First Friday 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm, Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SAT, JAN 15**

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#### **SUN, JAN 16**

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm

**MON, JAN 17** 

8:00 am

**TUES, JAN 18** 8:00 am

12:00 pm

#### **WED, JAN 19**

8:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

#### **THURS, JAN 20**

8:00 am + 12:00 pm

**FRI, JAN 21** 8:00 am 12:00 pm

#### **SAT, JAN 22**

8:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

#### **SUN, JAN 23**

8:00 am 10:00 am + 12:30 pm t Charles Henry Whitman, Jr. The Women's Club of Holy Cross Michael Heggen

**James** Pennington Holy Cross Parishioners Neftali Candelario Velez

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## **PARISH NEWS**



#### BINGO

Please join us for BINGO on Monday evening .Doors open at 4pm. First games start at 5:45pm. Bring a friend or two! \$12 to start. Three jackpots. Hotdogs, snacks, pastries, and drinks for sale. A big thank you to all of our generous volunteers!

#### WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Holy Cross Women's Club is in need of warm clothing (new or gently used and CLEAN). Most needed items are jackets, sweaters, jeans, socks, blankets and men's clothing. Please drop off your donated items Jan 29 & 30 ONLY in the narthex of the church! Thank you!

#### **RUMMAGE SALE**

Our next rummage sale will be February 25 & 26! We need strong abled helpers for setting up and cleaning up, Please contact the front office if you are able to assist. Stay tuned for more information! No donations needed.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next blood drive will be TODAY, January 16, from 8:00 am—Noon. Donors will receive a long sleeved tshirt and a \$20 gift card! Thank you for your generosity!

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

We are starting a ten-week study on the Gospel of Matthew in **February**, at 10 am in one of the classrooms on campus. Our group leader will be Kristen Noakes-Fry. Books are \$20. Please contact the office to register.

#### **VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCING**

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus along with the Columbiettes will be hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance with music by DJ "Bobby J" on Saturday February 12th at 5:30pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Parish Office during Business Hours.





#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please note that names will be automatically removed from this list after three months. Please call the parish office to add a name to this list.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Faith, Mary, Meghan, Paul, Edith, Peggy Anne, Sylvia, Jean Ann, Felicitas, Adolfo, Jesus, Ileane, William, Jacob, Jeremy, Miranda, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, Gail, Karon, Beth Anne, Joe, Evelyn, Gerry, Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Verstappen, Victor, Karen, Rose Marie, John, Maureen, Colin, Paul, John, Joseph, Peggy, Kami, Katie, Anne-Marie, Simo, Josephine, Terry, Bill, Maria, Holly, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, Jodi, Carly, Ann, Sharon, Beverly, Emily, Lynn, Mary Lou, Catherine, Roger, Maria, Alfredo, Eleanor, Dayana, Janet, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Bobby, Charlie, Christina, Peggy H., Mark, Renee, Glenn, Mary, Lynn, Sandra, Sally, Nick, Frank, Ed M., Paulette, Frank, Bozana, Mary Ellen, Sharon, Patty, Carlos, Maria Julia, Paula, Pam, Catherine, Amanda, Pat, Dennis, Lauren, Grace, Heidi, Scott, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Declan, Bodhi, Zora, Marie, Katherine, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, Jeanie, Anne, Lynn, Chuck, Carl, Bella, Bill, Montana, Eli, Susan, Karen, Fran, Diane & Troy & Family, Lori, Patricia & Anthony, Paul, Kathy, Maryann, Mario, Anthony, Christina, Joseph & Lucy, Chuck, Robert, Missa, David, Chuck, Sue Ann, Tina, Angie, Don, Justine, Maria, the Agars, Eleanor, Fr. Tom, Arlene, Brooke, Vincent, Larry, Daniel, Kristen, Susan, Donna, Evelyn, Carmelita, Meg, Allen, Candy, Geegee

## **STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY**

"It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 1—2, 2022

Envelopes: 160 (out of 737 families) Online Giving: \$ 1,453.00 Weekly Total: \$ 9281.23 Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

### 2021 APA

As of December 20, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00 Pledged: \$ 58,743.00 Paid: \$ 63,428.75 Pledges: 252 (out of 737 families)

#### APA Pledging

Many people feel that they can participate at a sacrificial gift level if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule.

#### **APA One-Time Gifts**

If donors prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled for later. foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



#### **APA Electronic Giving**

All major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments are accepted. Donor managed online giving is available through the diocesan website at: https://s.dosp.org/give

**APA Checks** Please **do not** combine APA and Offertory in one check.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers for our Altar, Tabernacle and Blessed Mother are in loving memory of Orville Griffieth and Susan Marie Howard

## SANCTUARY LAMP

There are no sanctuary lamp intentions this week.

# ALTAR BREAD & WINE

There are no altar bread and wine intentions this week.

#### **CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL** FUNDING DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

#### 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)

We are changing the way the Diocese funds ministries and shared expenses. Starting in 2022, diocesan leadership provided through the Office of the Bishop, Chancellor and Vicar General necessary for shepherding our local church will be funded through a Cathedraticum tax equal to 2% of parish offertory and donations. Diocesan ministries will be funded through a new, voluntary "Catholic Ministry Appeal," and the former "Annual Pastoral Appeal" (APA) will no longer take place.

#### Pledging

We currently work with monthly, quarterly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge and do not establish an e-payment account will receive reminders through the mail according to their chosen payment schedule.

#### **One-Time Gift**

A one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled a later date.

#### **Online Giving (E-Giving)**

We accept all major credit/debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system.

Donor managed online giving is available through

- 1. Our diocesan website at: GivetoMinistry.dosp.org
- Text to give (NEW!) Donors can text "2022appeal" to 727-788-5125 to receive a direct link to our secure online giving page
- 3. QR Code (NEW!) Donors can scan the code below and be redirected to our secure online giving page Authorization forms for credit cards and direct debit donations are not available on in-pew envelopes or on commitment cards mailed to homes. If donors require assistance, they can contact the Campaign Processing Office by phone at 727- 341-6841.



More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most. Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through our Catholic Ministry Appeal. We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. Amen.

#### ORACIÓN POR EL LLAMAMIENTO DEL MINISTERIO CATÓLICO

Más numerosas que las estrellas en el cielo son tus bendiciones, oh Dios bondadoso y compasivo. Nos has llamado para anunciar la buena nueva de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, mediante nuestras palabras y acciones. Fortalece nuestra fe y abre nuestros corazones para que cuidemos de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente aquellos que más nos necesitan. Ayúdanos a comprender la diferencia que podemos hacer, el amor que podemos compartir y las vidas que podemos acercar a Cristo a través de la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos. Oramos para que tu gracia, oh Señor, nos lleve a ser hoy tu corazón y tus manos amorosas. Amén.



Very Rev. Emery Longanga, PhD *Pastor* 

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> Millie Haylock Baptisms



## FAITH FORMATION

Saint of the Month!



Did you know... We have a canonized saint that most likely knew George Washington. Guess who this saint is? It is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first born saint in the United States. Her family was quite influential in New York and had many ties to historical American heroes like that of George Washington. Here is a small biography from the Seton Shrine Website: Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City



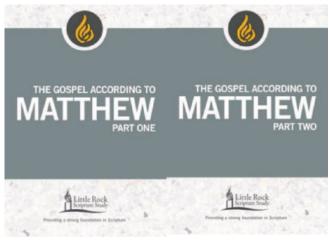
on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York. After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St.

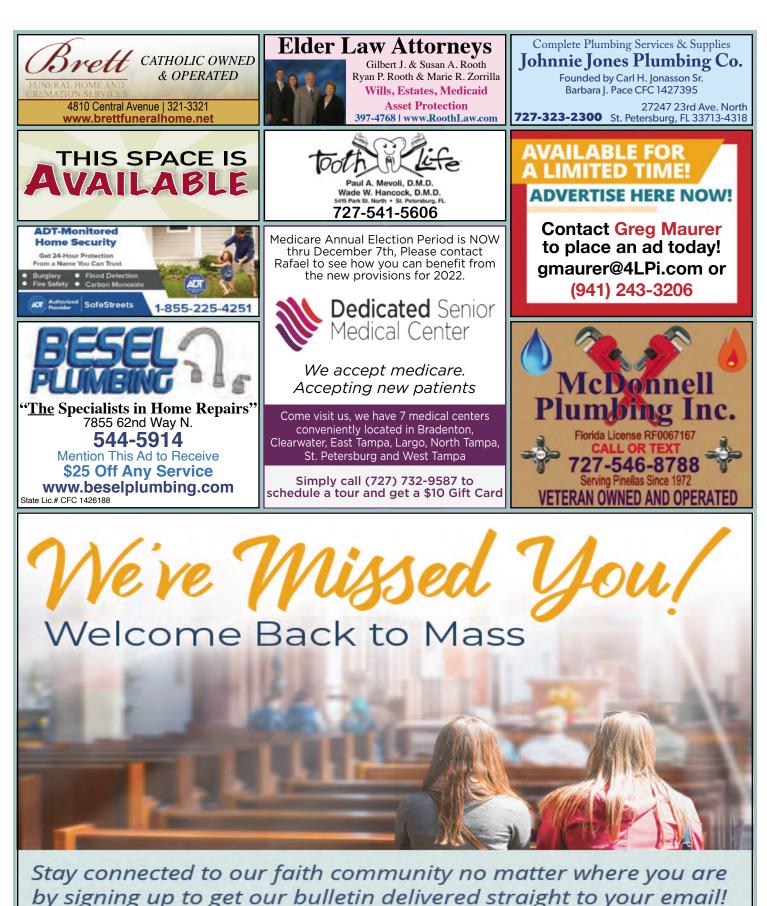
Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Nother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

## **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY**

Holy Cross is starting a ten-week study on the Gospel of Matthew. Our tentative start date will be in the second or third week of February, at 10:00 am in one of our classrooms here on campus. Our group leader will be writer, editor, and catechist, Kristen Noakes-Fry. Books are \$20. Please contact the office to register and pick up your books!





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