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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – The Epiphany of the Lord

Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men (Magi) also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do we bring the light of Jesus Christ to those we meet through the witness of our life and testimony? Let us pray today: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy and peace of the gospel to all I meet.

Readings for Sunday,

January 10, 2021

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11

Saint of the Week **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

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.



Feast Day: January 4

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.

Mother 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.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's feast day is January 4 and she is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers.



Congratulations to Fr. Thomas who is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on January 4 and his birthday on January 10!

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless him in his faithful ministry to our parish. May he always be sustained by God's grace, peace and love.

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of Fr. Thomas.

Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

O loving Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much. Amen.

Congratulations!

A Message of Thanks

The year 2020 has been a very challenging one for all of us — physically, emotionally, financially, and even spiritually since so many of our parish family have not been able to join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

In spite of all these challenges, you have shown me, our parishioners, our community and our heavenly Father how much you care for and love our church. Your financial commitment has been unwavering since the beginning of the pandemic. Thank you so much.

And in the last couple of months we have asked you to support several other projects, including the Ladies Guild bakeless bake sale, the Knights of Columbus shoebox and Warm the Children projects, the Giving Tuesday campaign, and many other Diocesan collections for worthwhile causes. You exceeded my expectations in all ways!

We are very blessed to have such a generous and caring church family. I cannot thank you enough. May God bless each of you and your near and dear ones!

Fr. Thomas

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 2	4:00 p.m.	Bob & Rosemarie Myers †	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Sunday, January 3	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Thomas' Intentions	People of our Parish
Monday, January 4	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 5	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 6	6:00 p.m.	John Turner † Michael Bevenuto †	Dena Demasi-Turner Melissa & Richard Greve
Thursday, January 7	12 noon	Larry & Carmela DeMasi †	Dena Demasi-Turner
Friday, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Landis, Rexrode & Fazzalore families	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, January 9	4:00 p.m.	Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
Sunday, January 10	8:30 a.m.	Tim & Ginny Newlin †	Joanne & Mike Stickley



Domenick Greco

Born into Life

June 13, 1935

Born into Eternal Life

December 25, 2020

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon him.
May Mick's soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*A private family service was held on December 28 at
Markwood Funeral Home..*

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 9 Anita Tetreault (L)
Linda Marsh (C)
Bob & Karen Yowler (U)

Sunday, January 10..... Geoff Newlin (L)
Julie Alt (C)
Mike & Rosie Landis (U)

Saturday, January 16.... Alan Taylor (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)
Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)

Sunday, January 17..... Alan Taylor (L)
Linda Marsh (C)
Jane & Doug Placka (U)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date,
please arrange for a replacement.*



CCD Classes Resume

As a reminder to all CCD parents and students, virtual classes will resume for the second semester next Sunday, January 10.

Collections & Attendance: Week Ending December 27, 2020

Offertory

Christmas Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,448
Christmas Loose Donations.....\$1,091
Total..... \$3,539

Catholic Charities WV\$1,150
12/27 Offertory Envelopes.....\$1,550
12/27 Loose Donations.....\$1,275
Holiday Flowers..... \$30
Total..... \$2,855

Diocesan Collections..... \$35

Attendance

Christmas Eve 4 PM 66
Christmas Eve 6 PM 54
Christmas Day..... 14
Total..... 134

12/26 Saturday Attendance.....21
12/27 Sunday Attendance34
Total..... 55

Thank You

To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513 or contact local law enforcement. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by clergy, religious or lay personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Additional resources can be found on the Diocese website at dwc.org/accountability.