



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 6, 2019

*Let our lives be filled with the song of the angels,
the light of Bethlehem's star, and the love of the Holy
Family, now and forever. Amen.*

Holy Family School News



A Reminder - We are collecting Box Tops for Education at Holy Family School and will continue to do so throughout the school year. Please consider donating your box tops to the school to assist our development committee. You may drop them off at the security guard desk at the entrance of 100 Mount Joy Place or bring them to the rectory. Thank you for supporting our school!

Our third-grade class continues to practice Acts of Kindness. They have been practicing one act each day. Perhaps they will plant the seed to spread more kindness in New Rochelle. If you should witness an act of kindness please encourage it and spread it around for extra holiday cheer! Many thanks to our third-grade teacher, Ms. Drace for promoting kindness in her class.

Holy Family School still has seats available in several classes. If you or someone you know is interested in a Catholic education for their child, please stop by or make an appointment for our upcoming *Touring Tuesday* on **January 8, 2019 from 9AM-11AM** or call to make an appointment to arrange a visit! We'd love to meet you and have you tour our new facility.

Keep the Christmas Spirit Going Strong!

Treat every Sunday like you do Christmas Mass: Dress up! Go as a family! Sing! Celebrate! *Remember!*

- If your kids are bombarded with presents, pull a couple back and stow them in the closet for a rainy day in April or May.
- Leave the Nativity scene up; we could all use a persistent reminder of the miracle, wonder and innocence of Jesus' birth (and our own).
- from TeachingCatholicKids.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Book: **Epiphany of The Lord**
Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

From today's Gospel reading:

"Then the Magi opened their treasures and offered [the child] gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."



Reflection:

We don't know what changes discovering Jesus made in the Magi's lives. They would have to reflect on their experience and adjust their lives to what they saw and learned from their journey. And so do we. No one can tell us exactly what shape our Christian discipleship should take. We do know that we did not take it upon ourselves to get up to go to Christ. We make a faith journey to Him and as a result, now we travel "by another way."

So we ask ourselves:

- Are we like the Magi, searching for the Christ child?
- What lights provide us guidance on this lifetime journey?

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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."

What will you offer Him, today?

Religious Education

Christmas Vacation - Sunday, December 23rd through January 1st **Sunday classes resume Jan. 6th. Tuesday classes resume Jan. 8th.**



January Religious Education Calendar

Sunday, January 13th - 8th Grade Inscription Mass followed by a meeting for parents and candidates in the cafeteria
Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, May 4th at 2:00PM

Sunday, January 20th - 7th Grade Class Mass

Sunday, January 27th - 6th Grade Class Mass

Week of January 27th - Students receive Progress Reports

Revised date for First Communion - Saturday, May 11th

Catholic Teaching: January 6th - Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means "manifestation" or "to shine forth" The Gospel tells the story of the Magi (the wise men from the East) following a star to find "the newborn king of the Jews". On this feast we celebrate the way Jesus was first revealed to people beyond Israel.

How do you let the light of Jesus shine forth?

Kid's Faith Question: Where Is God?

Can you *see* God? Simply put, yes you can, because *God is everywhere*. He is in you and He is in those around you; in your family and in strangers; in the rich and in the poor. God is our Father in heaven, but He does not stay there. *He is in everything, all the time*. He created the world because He loves us and He created us to love Him. When we treat others kindly, we are acting as God wants us to. God is also in our hearts, and when we pray, He hears everything we ask.

Resolution Night: Don't forget to find an evening in the next couple of weeks to make some New Year's resolutions as a family. Find areas of family life that need work: getting along, spending more quality time together, strengthening your faith...Use your new 2019 calendar and pencil in one activity each month you will do to make sure the family improves in those areas. Then schedule a family meeting each month to check on your progress.

Emmanuel, God-with-us, dwell with us every day.

RCIA -

Our catechumen and candidates continue their journey towards the celebration of the Sacraments at Easter. This period of the Catechumenate offers them pastoral formation and guidance along with our prayerful support as a parish family. They take part in the Liturgy of the Word, break open the scriptures with their catechists and grow in an understanding of the Catholic faith directing their hearts toward the God who has "called them by name". Let us continue to pray for them and may Christ continue to be their Light as they learn to know and follow Him.

A Thought for the New Year...

Jesus is the PRINCE OF PEACE. Let us strive to be *bearers* of PEACE in the New Year.

- + Pray for peace in the world.
- + Try not to talk negatively about others.
- + Pray for someone who makes you angry.



Our Saturday Morning Bible

Study will meet again on **January 5th** at **9:30AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. As always, all are welcome to join us!

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from **7-8PM** to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We invite you to join us whenever you can. For more information, please contact Shirley Le Blanc at 914-576-3806.



Our *morning* faith sharing group meets twice a month on Thursday mornings from **10:00-11:30AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. We are currently reading *Rediscovering Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. **Please join us when we meet again on January 10th**.



The Holy Family Caregiver's Group

meets monthly on a **Tuesday morning at 10:00AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. Our next meeting will be **January 15th**. Please call Rosemary McDonough at 914-500-5331 for more information about the Holy Family Caregivers Group



to all of the parishioners who participated in the Giving Tree gift collection this year. Once again, we collected close to 700 gifts for needy families, the elderly, young adults and children. Holy Family is a very generous and special

parish; thank you for your kindness.
~ Brendan Clarke

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Due to the Christmas and New Year's early bulletin submission schedules, the collections for December 23rd, 30th and January 6th will be reported on January 13th.

HOPE Food Pantry - Please bring your nonperishable DRY GOODS with you to Mass. HOPE suggests: tea, soup, cereal, jelly, peanut butter, canned stew, soup, rice, powdered milk, juice, tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, beans and hash.

Also: shampoo, soap, and toiletry items, as well as brown bags and plastic grocery bags in which to put food for distribution. Please do not donate opened food packages or food with an expired "use before" date.

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE SHOES, CLOTHING, OR BABY ITEMS



Please pray for the Sick and those who

care for them: Ashley Bigaud, Mohammed & Fatima Benfaida, Guy Caprio, Ida Carpenzano, Javier Cardenas, Daniella Carlo, Doris DiMagio, Joseph Fogal, Lorraine Foremny, Charlotte Grady, Linda Lallas, Blake & Riley McCaffrey, Marie Marini, William Micknowitz, Pat O'Sullivan, Rose Peregrine, Brian Ponder, Anne-Marie Schauer, Albert Spatola, Mary Sponaule, Mary Sugrue, Irene Tangredi, Charles Whitney..

Please call the Parish office if you would like to remove a name from this list. 914-632-0673.



We also pray for our military brothers and sisters and especially for:

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| <i>Michael Acocella</i> | <i>Stephen Arles</i> | <i>Jack Clifford</i> |
| <i>Joseph Conway, III</i> | <i>Michael DeBartolo</i> | <i>Philip Giuliani</i> |
| <i>Christopher Hough</i> | <i>Andrew Marzullo</i> | <i>Robert Parente</i> |
| | <i>Luke Steward</i> | |

May God protect them all and bring them safely home.



The Holy Family Subscription

Drive is ongoing. A Sincere Thank You to all who have contributed to the Subscription Drive. As participation by all parishioners will make this Subscription Drive a success, please prayerfully consider making your contribution today. May God bless you and please be assured of my prayers during this Advent season.

~ Msgr. Keane

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Do You Know...St. Elizabeth Ann Seton?

Born August 28, 1774, **Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton** is a true daughter of the American Revolution. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Married at 19, to wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton they had five children before his business failed and he developed tuberculosis. During this time, Elizabeth found comfort and peace in the Blessed Mother and asked for her guidance. In 1805, Elizabeth converted to Catholicism, though many of her family and friends rejected her for doing so. At 30, she was widowed and penniless with five small children to support and to do so, she started a school in Baltimore.

Four years later, she pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and became Mother Seton – foundress of the Sisters of Charity, based upon the Rule of the Daughters of Charity in France. By 1818, the sisters had established two orphanages and another school.

Mother Seton died in 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI, becoming the first native-born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

She is the patron saint of widows. **Her feast day is January 4th.**

Lord God, you blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton with gifts of grace - as wife and mother, educator, and foundress - so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for you in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through Christ our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

We hope you are enjoying the free parish

subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **TWY2GF** and enjoy. Today is the **Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord**. Watch Opening the Word, Year C: *The Epiphany of the Lord*, *The Story of the Nativity*, or Catholic Answers, *Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?* Listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King, God Made Man*, or *The Mystery of Christmas*.



Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212

invites you
to

Young Adult Retreat - February 8 - 10, 2018

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! **Cost:** \$135 per person, double occ.*

*Some financial aid is available.

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829



Sunday, January 6th – The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00PM (Vigil) Henry Kiernan
7:30AM For the Intentions of Carmelita Ginivan
9:00AM Philomena O'Grady Clarke
11:00 AM Charles J. Damore, Jr.
12:30 PM Pearl & Ray Hall, Sr.
6:00PM Special Intention

Monday, January 7th – St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:50AM Geroge Webb, Sr.
12:00 PM George Stewart

Tuesday, January 8th – Christmas Weekday

9:00AM Margaret Fitzpatrick
11:00AM Virginia Kiernan

Wednesday, January 9th – Christmas Weekday

6:50 AM William P. Capote, Jr.
12:00PM Rose Cucino

Thursday, January 10th – Christmas Weekday

6:50AM Deceased Members of the Marchetti
and Grandefeld Families
12:00PM Frank Tozzi

Friday, January 11th – Christmas Weekday

6:50AM Anthony Sanfratello
12:00PM Angelina Martignetti

Saturday, January 12th – Christmas Weekday

8:00AM Margaret Higgins
5:00PM John & Francelina Oliveira
and Antonio & Sineiro Laurinda

Sunday, January 13th – The Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM Frances & William Aiello
9:00AM John David & Philomena Clarke
11:00 AM James O'Donnell
12:30 PM Jorge Solano
6:00PM Richard Kennedy



Dear Lord,

*We pray that this New Year will bring
us closer to You.*

May we take the time to get to know You.

Help us to truly celebrate the gifts

*You have graciously given us and use them to
serve You and spread Your word,*

*May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,
so that in turn, they can see You in us. Amen.*