

January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

MASSES for the WEEK

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)

Sunday, January 3, 2016

7:00 AM Jeanne Bruno
Req. Husband, George "Joe" Bruno
 8:30 AM John Santucci
Req. Wife, Bernadine
 10:00 AM Mildred Cibellis (5th Anniversary)
Req. Nick and Eileen Carrara
 11:30 AM Ruth Mangano
Req. Husband, John and Children
 1:00 PM The Traynor Family
Req. Bea, Fran and Jo

Monday, January 4, 2015

7:00 AM Barbara Lionetti (2nd Anniversary)
Req. Husband, Patrick
 8:30 AM Mary Bellmund
Req. Josephine Roeder
 9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

7:00 AM Sophie Boryack
Req. Lilly O'Keeffe
 8:30 AM Geraldine Carbonello
Req. Anthony Del Spina

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7:00 AM Charlotte Bihler
Req. Joan and Joe Bihler
 8:30 AM Frances Vacchiano
Req. Family

Thursday, January 7, 2016

7:00 AM Juliana Leppard
Req. Husband, Edward
 8:30 AM Philip Markey
Req. Family

Friday, January 8, 2016

7:00 AM Gerardo Alison
Req. Nellie Lansang
 8:30 AM Linda Leppard Starita
Req. Dad

Saturday, January 9, 2016

7:00 AM John Yockey Sporer
Req. Maureen & Michael Reilly
 8:30 AM Charles Roeder
Req. Josephine Roeder

 4:00 PM Joseph J. Polito
Req. Wife, Janet and Children
 5:30 PM Jackie Flood
Req. Tom & Terri Dougherty

Sunday, January 10, 2016

7:00 AM Dec'd. Mbrs. Angelo Family
Req. Carmella Albanese
 8:30 AM Elizabeth Mazzuto (13th Anniv.)
Req. Daughter, MaryAnn, Son, Peter & Family
 10:00 AM Geraldine Carbonello
Req. Anthony Del Spina
 11:30 AM Sylvia Nuzzi (1st Anniversary)
Req. Toni and Lee Cavalluzzi
 1:00 PM The Wardenski Family
Req. Mary Wardenski

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
January 4, 2016**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Joseph P. Flaherty
Steven Kilianski (Speedy Recovery),
Req. Grandmother
James Bloise (Healing), *Req. Maryann White*
Anna Punk, *Req. Emily Punk*
Mary Fedorsin, *Req. Emily Punk*
David & Mary Nolte, *Req. Gloria Del Lupo*
Anthony, Mary & Isabel Triano,
Req. Ann Bederka
Katherine "Kay" Malloy,
Req. Tuesday Bingo Workers
Ann Domanski, *Req. Husband, John*
Eugene Delaney, *Req. Wife, Monica*
Valerie O'Leary, *Req. Augie & Eileen Montesano*
Carol Giesler, *Req. Husband, Bernard*
Paul Raabe, *Req. Wife, Jill*
Giuseppi "Joe" Galati, *Req. Gertrude Peterson*
Dean W. Peterson, *Req. Wife, Gertrude*
Gerald Riedinger, *Req. Josephine Roeder*

John Guerin, *Req. Wife, Pat*
Rocky D'Amato, *Req. Helen Kwiatkowski*
Sophie Goczkowski (20th Anniversary)
Req. Niece, Helen Kwiatkowski
Sam Chuck, *Req. Sister, Helen Kwiatkowski*
Ann Gambo, *Req. Joe & JoAnn Radigan*
Frank Irilli, *Req. Family*
Theresa Smyth, *Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly*
Anthony Baiamonte, Jr. *Req. Al & Barbara Giamarino*
Mary McNab, *Req. Margaret Thomas*
Michael Niscia, *Req. Angie DaCosta*
Lauren Skolsky, *Req. Janet Roccoforte*
Father Michael Guba, *Req. Felicitas M. Villaluz*
Colonel Elenore Sullivan. *Req. Eileen, Sister*
Desmond & Michael O'Brien,
Req. Mom & Dad
The Scanlan & Kupiec Families,
Req. Helen Scanlan
Feliska Abromowicz, *Req. Daughter, Argena Buser*
Charles Henry Buser, *Req. Argena Buser*
Donald Mirangi, *Req. Lorraine & John DiGeorge*
Jack Griffiths, *Req. Lorraine & John DiGeorge*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of January 2, 2016 to January 8, 2016

Altar Flowers- Church
Mildred Cibellis (5th Anniversary),
Req. Nick & Eileen Carrara

Altar Candles – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, Sister,
Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be available prior to our meeting.

May we wish you a Blessed New Year.

Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community.

If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, kindly call:

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR of MERCY

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In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the Blessed Virgin Mary's feast day of December 8th and lasts till Jesus, King of the Universe Sunday of November 2016, why don't we pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country?

One good way is to take away 15 minutes of TV everyday to pray with family or neighbor for the protection and spiritual growth of the United States of America.

To celebrate the mercy of God even more in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy: (14" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for a week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the holy year.

Sign up now for your week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: January 4, 2016

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call: Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143

The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

ADORATION

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families. The Adoration is held on Fridays from:

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

January 9, 2016- Knights of Columbus
Saturday - 10:00 am - Council 10899
Membership: Bernie Ernst (732) 504-7496

January 16, 2016 - Columbiettes
Saturday - 9:30 am
Lucille Iasiello (609) 412-3828

January 23, 2016 - Ancient Order of Hibernians
Saturday - 10:00 am
Jack O'Shea (732) 341-9084

All these meetings will be in the Parish Hall of the Church.

INDIVIDUAL MASS BOOK FOR 2017

Individual Mass Book for the year 2017 will open on Friday, January 15, 2016.

9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Due to the demand of these individual masses, three masses a year is permitted per family. (Phone calls for all Masses will no longer be accepted except from homebound parishioners.)

BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon.

Food is also available for purchase.

Note: Bingo will start again this Tuesday, January 5, 2016

ARTS & CRAFTS

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Come join us and bring some of your ideas.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for Parish Development and Maintenance.

Father Max's Smile Corner

Dudley was carrying a chair into a second-hand shop and asked how much it was worth. "Two dollars," answered the shopkeeper. Dudley had a surprised look on his face and said, "Isn't it worth more than that?"

The shopkeeper answered, "Two dollars is my limit, see this," he pointed to a crack in the chair's leg, and yelled "look here where the paint is peeling. This chair is a disgrace."

Dudley said, "Well if you say so, if two dollars is your price then I guess you know what this chair is worth."

Then Dudley remarked, " I saw this chair in front of your store, and it was marked thirty-five dollars but I thought the price marked was some sort of mistake. But now you say it is only two dollars..... I'll take it."

Happy and Blessed New Year

WHERE THERE IS LOVE.....

Where there is love the heart is light,
Where there is love the day is bright,
Where there is love there is a song,
To help when things are wrong.

Where there is love there is a smile,
To make all things seem more worthwhile,
Where there is love there is a quiet peace,
A tranquil place where turmoil cease....

Love changes darkness into light
And makes the heart take "wingless flight."
Bless are they who walk in love
They also walk with God,

When man walks with God again.....
There shall be Peace on Earth.
Helen Steiner Rice

LASTING CELEBRATIONS

More than a day, it is a season. We may be "Christmas Out," with all of the anticipation .

The celebration of our Savior's birth goes on for a few more weeks with feast upon feast tumbling along. New Year's, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord are the highlights.

The multiple feasts are meant to remind us that the Birth of Jesus has an effect in our lives. He does not come for Himself, but for us, to lead us to the holiness of life.

Liturgical Publication

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

Communion Breakfast

Date: **Sunday**: January 31, 2016

Tickets will go on sale after the weekend Masses starting January 10, 17, 24, 2016.

Menu: Scrambled eggs; Pancakes or French Toast; Bacon; Sausage; Home Fries, Desserts, Juice, Coffee and Tea.

The breakfast will be after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Price is: \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under twelve. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the breakfast.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

January 3 St. Genevieve
 January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop
 January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord
 January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 January 8 St. Apollinaris, Bishop
 January 9 St. Adrian of Canterbury

THE PROMISE OF TWO CROWNS

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Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe was born and baptized and given the name of Raymond on January 8, 1894 in the little village of Zdunska Wola. He was the second of three surviving sons of Julius and Marianna Kolbe. Two boys named Valentine and Anthony died in early childhood.

Francis, the oldest son was named after the St. Francis of Assisi since both parents were secular Franciscans. They took seriously their vocation as followers of the "Poverello" and lived frugally. Though the Kolbes never suffered from want of the essentials they worked hard to make ends meet, especially during Europe's depression.

The three living sons, Francis, Raymond and Joseph were friendly, responsible and generous and were taught the value of obedience at an early age. They each had different personalities. Francis was the most outgoing of the three. The youngest son, Joseph, had a quiet and less venturesome personality. Raymond was a happy balance between the two brothers.

Raymond dreamed of some day joining the military to help liberate Poland from foreign domination. His devotion to the Blessed Mother, united with a lively independent nature did not prevent him from getting into the usual trouble of boys his age.

Upon questioning him she asked "What is bothering you?" Raymond said: "I turned to the Blessed Mother for help. With a tender motherly expression the Blessed Mother held in each hand a crown, one white and the other red. She asked me to choose one. I said 'I choose both.' "

(Kolbe, Saint of the Immaculata)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 8, 1894
 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

PERSPECTIVEI've Learned...

That being kind is more important than being right.

I've Learned

That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've Learned

That just one person saying to me, "You have made my day." Makes my day!

I've Learned

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've Learned

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've Learned

We should be glad that God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

(Andy Rooney)

'HEAVENLY DELIGHTS'
PARISH COOKBOOK

Our thanks to Madeline Gardner, Pat Berg and the Cookbook Committee for doing a great job on the typing, ordering and selling of these new parish cookbooks.

The Parish Cookbook sales amounted to:
 \$3,610.00

If you would like to purchase additional copies of the parish cookbook, they may be purchased in the Office for \$15.00 per book.

Great job ladies!

"May God grant you, a sunbeam to warm you; a moonbeam to charm you, laughter to cheer you, and faithful friends near you."

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Bishop of Philadelphia

John was the son of a German father and Czech mother who owned a small stocking factory. John was a bright young man and spoke several languages. Interested in a religious vocation he studies for the priesthood in Bohemia, who had a surplus of priests. So John was able to speak English, traveled to America to be ordained.

The Bishop sent John to a remote area in western New York. He worked mostly with immigrants, teaching in taverns and celebrating Mass in people's homes. John even built schoolhouses, often teaching the children himself. After four years, John was exhausted and lonely and joined the Redemptorists.

John moved to Pittsburgh and for eight years, he served as pastor, missionary and parish priest in both Pittsburgh and Baltimore. At the age of forty-one, because of his outstanding commitment to work, the Pope promoted John to the Bishop of Philadelphia.

John's first concern was to create parochial schools for children, which he staffed with Nuns and Brothers from various Orders. In a few short years, John built 100 churches and 80 schools, founding the first unified diocesan school system. He also managed to write, publishing a catechism that was used by the Country for decades, and visited the remote and neglected areas of his diocese.

At the age of forty-nine John Neumann died of a stroke while running errands. He was canonized a saint in 1977.

John Neumann believed that everyone should have an education. By building so many parochial schools he also ensured that God's teachings would be part of the curriculum.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Foundress of American Parochial School

Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint, was born in New York City as Elizabeth Ann Bayley. She was brought up as an Episcopalian, she married William M. Seton, heir to a wealthy family at the age of nineteen. With her sister-in-law Rebecca, she went on missions of mercy to help poor widows and children of New York. Elizabeth and Rebecca earned the titled of "Protestant Sisters of Charity."

When Elizabeth's husband contacted tuberculosis, the couple sailed for Italy so he could recuperate. Months later in Pisa, her husband died. She believed even then, that tragedies set before her would one day lead to some good. Elizabeth was taken in by her husband's friends and introduced her to Catholicism. Upon returning to New York, she joined the Catholic Church.

Looking toward a new future Elizabeth moved to Maryland where she entered a convent and was named Superior to the newly established Daughters of Charity of Saint Joseph. Having a deep sense of compassion, she established Saint Joseph's School a free institution for indigent girls.

For the remaining years of her life, Mother Seton as she was called, and the Sisters worked tirelessly to establish orphanages and hospitals for the poor, sick and homeless. Through their love of Christ, they brought education to the poor and set the groundwork for the parochial school system in the United States.

Prayer

Lord God,

You have bless Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, with gifts of grace as an educator and foundress so she might spend her life in service to Your people.

Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for You and love for one another. Amen

Our Faith

THE EVANGELISTS

The evangelists are the men who wrote the four Gospels. These books tell the life story and teachings of Jesus. The Gospels provide the material that was to become the foundation of Christianity.

Saint Matthew

Legend says that after Jesus' resurrection, Matthew remained in Palestine while the other apostles dispersed, and that he was urged to set down from memory the life and teachings of the Messiah.

However, scholarly opinion says that Matthew was probably a second generation disciple unrelated to the disciple.

The Gospel of Saint Matthew addresses a community of Jewish and non-Jewish Christians and it attempts to make disciples of people from any faith. St. Matthew wrote his Gospel as a history of salvation, dividing his story into two parts. (The period of prophecy and the period of fulfillment. Jesus' life is described as a promise to both the people of Israel and to the people of a greater kingdom.

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Saint Mark

The Gospel of Saint Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels and was almost certainly the first to be written. Although the use of narrative to record spiritual history was common to the Jews, there are no parallels to this precise literary form before this time. In all probability Mark was responsible for creating the Gospel as we know it today.

Saint Mark was a disciple of the second generation and legend connects him to both Peter and Paul with whom he appears to have gone with on missionary trips. St. Mark was addressing a community of people that were being made to suffer for their faith. Mark explained "to follow the footsteps of Jesus involves suffering persecution."

Saint Luke

It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile and that he was a medical man and an artist. A picture of the Blessed Mother Mary was reportedly found in Jerusalem some years after his death that is believed to have been painted by Saint Luke.

Although Saint Luke had not been an eyewitness to the events of Christ's life, some legends say he was a companion to Saint Paul on some of his early missions and later became a disciple. Saint Luke would have listened carefully to all that he heard and then added his own twist to the story when he later wrote it down.

Not only did St. Luke give a full account of the life of Jesus, he went on afterwards to write the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke attempted to tell a history of this new and growing faith that had started with a few people in Jerusalem. The Gospel of Saint Luke shows a clear intention to convert the Gentiles.

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Saint John

The Gospel of Saint John is traditionally credited with having written three Epistles and one Gospel, although many scholars believe that the final editing of the Gospel was done by others some time after his death.

Saint John lived into an old age at Ephesus where he passed his days in prayer and contemplation, pondering the mysterious and mystical events of Jesus' life. Physically consumed with the love for Him, it is said John preached a simple message.

It is said that St. John preached a simple message to those who gathered to be near the gentle soul and to hear him speak, To those who gathered to be near the gentle soul and to hear him speak, St. John simply said, "Little children, love one another." St. John explained that this was Christ's essential message and that "If you keep it, you do enough."

By: Priya Hemenway
The Little Book of Saints