

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

January 3rd, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

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Notes from Fr. Nick

Elizabeth Ann Seton & John Neumann

Although we are celebrating the feast of the Epiphany today, two saints' feasts take place this week that deserve our attention. January 4th is the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. John Neumann's feast is January 5th. Both saints ministered in the United States, and Saint Elizabeth is the first American-born saint.



Saint Elizabeth was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley to a socially-prominent New York City couple in 1774, while our country was still a colony, and became a devout member of the Church of England. At age 19, she was married to a wealthy businessman, William Seton. At first, their marriage was extraordinarily happy, and they had five children. After Will's health deteriorated and his business failed, the family journeyed to Italy in the hope that the peninsula's sunny weather would improve his health. However, Will soon died of tuberculosis, leaving Elizabeth nearly penniless and away from her homeland.

While in Italy, she was introduced to the Catholic faith through her husband's former business partners, and upon returning to this country, was accepted into the only Catholic church existing in New York City at that time: St. Peter's. She then opened an academy for schoolgirls, but when it became known that she was a Catholic, most parents withdrew their daughters from it. She subsequently accepted the offer of some French Sulpician Fathers to open a school in

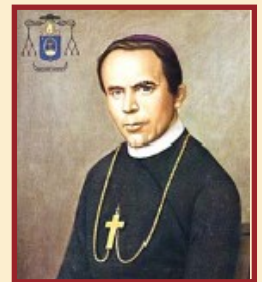
Emmitsburg, Maryland, and in 1810 she established Saint Joseph's Academy and Free School, the first free Catholic School in the U.S. The same year, she and two other women organized the first religious order founded in the U.S., the Sisters of Charity, patterned after the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul and the Daughters of Charity in France.

Having lost her own mother at an early age, Elizabeth had a particular devotion to the Blessed Mother, whom she regarded as her spiritual mother. She was also devoted to the Eucharist and to Sacred Scripture, particularly the 23rd Psalm. "Mother Seton," as she was known, died (also of tuberculosis) at age 46 in 1821. She was canonized on September 14th, 1975.

Saint John Neumann suffered many setbacks in his life, yet tenaciously worked to build up the faith wherever he found himself. Born in 1811 in Bohemia (part of the modern Czech Republic), Neumann expected to be ordained a priest in 1835, but due to a surfeit of priests in his diocese, his bishop cancelled all ordinations. Neumann thereupon left for America with only \$1 in his pocket, and was ordained by the bishop of New York three weeks after his arrival. He was first assigned to a large parish in the Niagara Falls area to work among German immigrants.

His isolation made him yearn to join a religious order, and in 1842 Neumann took vows as a Redemptorist Father. He was the first candidate of that community in the New World. In 1852 he was ordained Bishop of Philadelphia, where he became the first bishop in the U.S. to establish a diocesan school system. He also built orphanages and opened parishes, building new churches at the rate of nearly one per month.

Bishop Neumann fought against the Know-Nothings, a group who sought to expel foreigners and Catholics from the country. He died of a stroke at age 48, on January 5th, 1860, and was canonized on June 19th, 1977.



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Long ago,  saw a special  in the sky. They followed it to find the


newborn . But first they came to



Herod, and asked him if he knew where the  would be born. He asked the priests,

who told him the  would be born in

Bethlehem. So the  went, and found the

 where the  and His mother,

 were staying. They knelt before the

baby  and gave him their  of gold,

frankincense and myrrh.

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EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that

_____ (2d) was

born, some wise men

from the _____ (8a)

saw in the sky a

special _____ (9a) at

_____ (13d) rising, and

followed it to

_____ (11a) the new-

born Saviour. First

they came to

Jerusalem where

_____ (10d) went to

ask _____ (15a) Herod

if he knew where the new

King would be born.

_____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and

scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in

_____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and

said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too,

and told the men to return once they had found him and

tell him where the Baby was. The men were

_____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his

mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving

their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d)

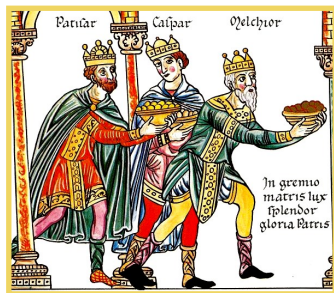
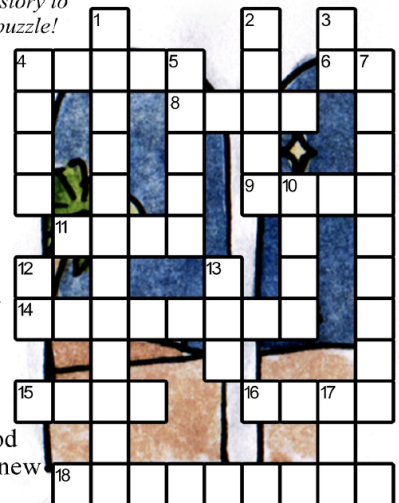
and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d)

_____ (6a) night an angel appeared _____ (6a)

_____ (14a) go home

by another road, since King _____ (5d) wanted to kill

Baby Jesus.



January 3rd, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Collection for the Week Ending December 20 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/20/2020	\$6,760.10	\$8,829.00	-\$2,068.90
Year-to-Date	\$415,885.12	\$461,450.00	-\$45,564.88

Thank you all for your support of your parish.

Annual Parish Conference: January 30th!

Our "Parish Leadership Conference" has been renamed the **Annual Parish Conference**. Why? Because Fr. Nick wants every member of the parish to attend! No matter where in the world we may be, the virtual parish conference will be accessible to anyone with a computer, smartphone, or even just an old-fashioned telephone. **Save the Date: Saturday, January 30th**. The morning session starts at 10:00 am, followed by a long lunch break. "Breakout" and closing sessions will run from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Register: parish@marymagdalen.org

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 3rd Solemnity: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-6 / Matthew 2:1-12
- 4th Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 John 3:22-4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- 5th Memorial: St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44
- 6th Christmas Weekday [St. André Bessette, Religious]
1 John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52
- 7th Christmas Weekday [St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]
1 John 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
- 8th Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
- 9th Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00	Barbara Gamba RIP
	11:00	Charles Bucher RIP
Monday	8:30	Jim Gallardo RIP
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Pete Hurd RIP
	5:30	Elizabeth Phan Guong
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Mary Lou Pape
	5:30	Giving Thanks to God
Thursday	8:30	Terry Colvert RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Katie Wahl
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Virginia Jimenez
	5:30	Intentions of Lucy Ramirez
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of the Fitzgerald Family



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An Invitation to New Small Faith Groups

We are grateful for our Livestream and in-person Dominican Garden Masses, which sustain our faith and spiritual life during these difficult times. Our parish is also nurturing our spiritual life through Small Faith Groups. Last month, nearly 30 parishioners took part in weekly discussions of the Advent Gospels. In September and October, 40 parishioners participated in *JustFaith & Racial Equity*, a deep look into the endemic racism that we can no longer ignore, and how our faith calls us to action.



Participants overwhelmingly endorsed continuing this dialogue, and so another 8-week *JustFaith* session, entitled *Faith & Racial Healing*, will be offered beginning in February, in addition to a separate option, *Engaging Spirituality*. Our parish is a wonderful community, and the opportunity to participate (virtually) in these small groups has expanded friendships and new connections within the parish. Every parishioner is invited to join one of the new groups – details to follow!

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