



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

## The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 7, 2018

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday • 8:00 a.m.

Monday - Wednesday - Friday • Noon

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 11:00 a.m. to Noon

1st Sunday of each month 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
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x 210

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arrangements  
(before surgery,  
during illness, etc)

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must be made  
with one of the  
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months before  
the proposed date  
of the wedding.

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to Noon.  
Also by  
appointment.

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If you have a  
family member  
who has become  
seriously ill,  
homebound, or is  
in a long-term  
care facility,  
please call  
Tess Keddie  
412-276-1011  
x221

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **January 7**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 4:00 p.m. HEALTH AND WELFARE OF ELLA PHILLIPS SHIMOVETZ by Mary and Geoff Ditmore  
7:30 a.m. MANGAN FAMILY AND KIN by Terri Nelson and Family  
9:30 p.m. MARY AGNES CERONE by Mary Ann Downey  
11:30 a.m. ISABELLA ASTORINO by Anita Kulik

### **January 8**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

*Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 | Ps 29 The Lord will bless his people with peace. | Mk 1:7-11*

- 8:00 a.m. DANIEL COAKLEY by Mary Jane Charitan  
12:00 p.m. RITA DAVIES by Marianne and Pat

### **January 9**

### **Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 1:9-20 | 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior. | Mk 1:21-28*

- 8:00 a.m. EDMUND GUDEWICZ by Eleanor Brickley

### **January 10**

### **Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Ps 40 Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. | Mk 1:29-39*

- 8:00 a.m. AMY DELL by Bill Dell  
12:00 p.m. MARIAN JEAN RUSHOFSKY by Herman Rushofsky and Sons

### **January 11**

### **Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 4:1-11 | Ps 44 Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy. | Mk 1:40-45*

- 8:00 a.m. ANTHONY D'AMICO by Deb Glowark

### **January 12**

### **Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Ps 89 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. | Mk 2:1-12*

- 8:00 a.m. RICHARD MOSTOWY by the Mostowy Family  
12:00 p.m. CAROL MERSING by Bill Snyder

### **January 13**

### **Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 | Ps 21 Lord, in your strength the king is glad. | Mk 2:13-17*

- 8:00 a.m. MARCELLA REISDORF by the Gary and Cindy Marshall Family  
4:00 p.m. JAMES PHIPPS by Mary and Geoff Ditmore

### **January 14**

### **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | Ps 40 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-10*

- 7:30 a.m. ROY "ROCKY" RACO by the Frank Shimatzki Family  
9:30 a.m. MAUTI AND ADAMO FAMILIES by Anna Marie Mauti and Family  
11:30 a.m. RICHARD MOSTOWY by Bonnie Wilson

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

- ♦ Gold, a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.
- ♦ Frankincense, the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.
- ♦ Myrrh, another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

## PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast —St. Luke Hall *until 1:00 p.m.*

10:30 a.m. First Sunday Confessions *see page 14*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 a.m. Board Meeting for Ladies of Charity —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

7:00 p.m. Bingo —Bishop Canevin High School

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

1:00 p.m. Men and Women's Faith Sharing Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

2:45 p.m. St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting — St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal —Church

7:00 p.m. RCIA —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:30 p.m. Rosary to End Violence & Terrorism —Immaculate Conception Chapel

7:00 p.m. Fr. Robin's Bible Study —Bayley Building Classroom #5

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal —St. Cecilia Room

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri.  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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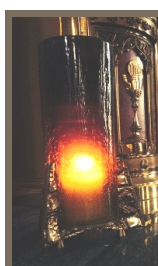
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### HAPPY EPIPHANY!

Today's feast continues the Christmas theme—how God has made himself known to us. We get to know God by encountering Jesus, and we have seen him in his birth, in his family life, and now in his manifestation to the astrologers.

The coming of the astrologers to see Jesus involves some irony: You don't have to know God well in order to see Jesus. The astrologers were likely Persians with little knowledge of the God of Israel. They weren't especially good or godly men, but they were clever enough to figure out that Jesus was somebody important. They adjusted their lives in order to make the long trip to Bethlehem, and they are rewarded by finding in Jesus the meaning and purpose of their lives.

One way in which Jesus continues to make himself available to us is in the sacraments. A whopping 1,749 people attended Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, more than the past five years. Here's how the other sacraments from 2017 stand:

Year	2017
Infant baptisms	17
Child 1 <sup>st</sup> Communions	12
Youth Confirmations	22
Adult Baptisms/ Confirmations	3
Marriages	12
Anointings of the Sick	249
Deaths	108

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—Fr. Dave



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In addition to supporting children with special needs, your kind donation counts toward SEAS **Parish Share Assessment**.

God!



## HEARTS SPEAK TO HEARTS



**“DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?...  
DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?...  
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW?”**

Pope St. Leo the Great tells us in an Epiphany homily: “The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ....

The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light...”

In whatever ways our God and Saviour manifests Himself, may we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts open to receive Him and then to share Him with others who don't see, hear, or know Him.

**“The Child, the Child,  
sleeping in the night,  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.”**

### RCIA — SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND.

*Wise Men Still  
Seek Him*



Wise women and children, too, begin a journey to discover the Christ. Not the little child in a manger, but an adult Jesus who calls and welcomes each of us to know Him and allow Him to know us. As He awaits us in the Church's liturgy, He also permits us to study His ways through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. If you or someone you know would like to begin this journey with other seekers, set aside Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 pm. And if you still have some questions about this process, call the Office for Initiation, 412- 276-1011, ext. 225. Let us seek Him together.

### THE SILVER RING THING CATHOLIC EDITION

Young people today are confronted with many images of sexuality and conflicting messages of morality through the media, internet, and society. Yet, the Church's teachings on love and sexuality remain constant in the following of Christ.

All teens and parents, and those who serve them, are invited to attend the live event on Friday, January 12, 2018, at Seton LaSalle High School from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to God by remaining chaste. Parents, join us for a special parent meeting at 7:00 p.m., before the start of the program. For further information, please contact Mary Kay Smith 412-276-1011 ext. 222 or go to [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com).







### PENANCE OPPORTUNITY

A priest will hear confessions after the 9:30 Mass and before the 11:30 Mass today. Confessions are also heard every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. The next Family Friendly Confession opportunity is on January 20.



### YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH

**Sunday, January 14**

We will be packing lunches for the homeless ministry.

**Meet at 10:30 a.m. (right after Mass)  
in St. Luke Hall.**

**COME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### CONSIDER SUPPORTING CATHOLIC HOSPICE AS YOU EXPLORE VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES.

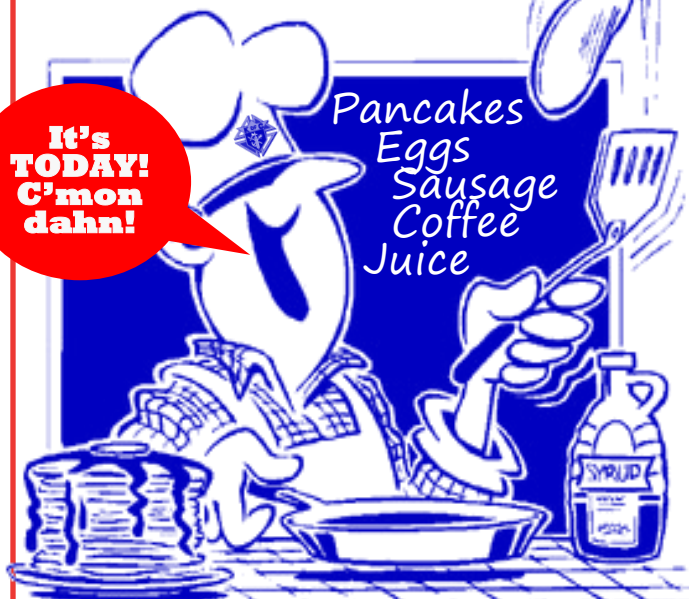
Catholic Hospice is reaching out & inviting you to consider volunteering with us in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who share in our mission and are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences, join our volunteer team. If Patient Care is not your primary interest, we are welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care will be held on Friday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Sewickley office. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call Robyn Aguzzi at 724-933-6222 or email [raguzzi@catholichospicepg.org](mailto:raguzzi@catholichospicepg.org).

For additional information on Catholic Hospice go to [www.catholichospicepg.org](http://www.catholichospicepg.org). For groups of 5 or more, we'll bring training to your location. Meeting People Face to Faith...Embrace the Journey.



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# **YOUTH GROUP!**

## **TODAY!**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

#### **CARNEGIE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

#### **12:45 - 2:45**



**GAMES** Air Hockey **FAITH** Basketball **PIZZA**

## **NOT WILLING TO LET GO OF YOUR MARRIAGE?**

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 19 please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.

More information is available at  
<http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

## **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION NOTES**

Classes will not be in session on Monday, January 8. Many thanks to the catechists who participated in the Mega Week courses at St. Thomas More Parish this past week! You deserve the night off! Classes will resume for **grades 7 & 8** on Monday, January 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (we'll have pizza!). All other students remain on vacation! **ALL FAMILIES** of the Parish are invited to our annual *Celebrate Life* Event on January 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

## **TO ALL MEN OF THE PARISH: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH**

# **Men's RETREAT**

**JANUARY 26 | 27 | 28**

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