



The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

January 3rd, The Epiphany of the Lord

- 5:00 PM** For the Soul of *Pat Murphy*
8:30 AM *Parishioners of St. John Visitation*
10:00 AM (SP) Por el Alma de *Jesus Torres*
11:30 AM For the Soul of *Lydia Gonzalez*
1:00 PM (SP) Por el Alma de *Bienvenido Severino*

Monday, January 4th, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 9:00 AM** For the Soul of *Joseph Zane*
12:15 PM For the Soul of *Teresa Modeste*

Tuesday, January 5th, Saint John Neumann

- 9:00 AM** For the Soul of *John Donoghue*
12:15 PM For the Soul of *Lorraine Friedlander*
7:00 PM (SP) Por el Alma de *Andres Vargas*

Wednesday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM** For the Souls of *Arthur and Annie Lennon*
12:15 PM For the Soul of *Patricia Coyne*

Thursday, January 7th, Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM** For the Souls of *Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Bro. Peter Stewart, FSC and Bro. Joseph Murphy, FSC*
12:15 PM For the Soul of *Bridget Rooney*

Friday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 AM** For the Soul of *John Ryan*
12:15 PM For the Soul of *Paul Weaver*
7:00 PM Por el Alma de *Niya Guzman*

Saturday, January 9th, Christmas Weekday

- 12:15 PM** For the Soul of *Bernard Grieb*
5:00 PM *Mass of Thanksgiving*

Sunday, January 10th, The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 AM** *Parishioners of St. John Visitation*
10:00 AM (SP) Por el Alma de *Gladys Rivera*
11:30 AM For the Soul of *Gerald McCormick*
1:00 PM (SP) Por el Alma de *Rafaella Hidalgo*



Please Pray For The Sick.....

Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Lindsey Guzman,
 Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen
 Liddane, Timothy Mahoney, Christiani
 Medenois.

We ask that you please notify the rectory when to remove a name from the list.



We Are Grateful For This Week's Donations

The *Sanctuary Lamp* for the week of January 3rd through January 9th is for the special intentions of:

Maureen Jones

The 12 Days of Christmas and Christ

"...And a partridge in a pear tree." These words conclude a well-known Christmas song but many people do not realize it was written during the English penal times sometime between 1558 and 1829 as a catechism for young Catholics who were forbidden to practice their faith. It was designed as mnemonic, a formula to be used as a way to remember. Each number represents a significant article of the Catholic faith.

The song itself can be understood on 2 different levels: a literal meaning of the words which would appear innocuous enough to the average person the hidden meaning behind these words which expressed the religious beliefs of a people who could have lost their lives had their allegiance to the Catholic Faith had been known.

The symbols and numbers may be understood in the following way:

1st Day: **A Partridge in a pear tree:** Jesus as a mother partridge who feigns injury to decoy predators away from her nestlings. The mother dies to protect her young.

2nd Day: **2 Turtle Doves:** The Old and New Testament
 3rd Day: **3 French Hens:** The gifts of the Magi (gold, frankincense, myrrh); theological virtues of faith, hope and love

4th Day: **4 Calling Birds:** The Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)

5th Day: **5 Gold Rings:** The Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

6th Day: **6 Geese a-laying:** The six days of creation

7th Day: **7 Swans a-swimming:** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Reverence for the Lord)

8th Day: **8 Maids a-milking:** The eight beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel

9th Day: **9 Ladies Dancing:** The nine choirs of Angels; the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) in Galatians 5:22

10th Day: **10 Lords a-leaping:** The Ten Commandments

11th Day: **11 Pipers piping:** The eleven faithful apostles (minus Judas)

12th Day: **12 Drummer drumming:** The twelve Apostles; the twelve Tribes of Israel: the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed

The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days from Christmas Day (December 25th) to the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th).

Catholic Communications Campaign

The annual collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) is being taken at this weekend's parish Masses. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Your generosity with supporting this important work is greatly appreciated. Also, half of your donation stays in our Archdiocese to support local communications needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

Flea Market Next Saturday

The monthly Flea Market will be held this coming Saturday January 9th at the Godwin Terrace School location from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join us for bargain buys, hidden treasures, good food, and meeting our local area neighbors.

Thank You Corner

A special word of thanks and gratitude is extended to our:

- ❖ Generous donors who supported the Christmas charity drive for Good Shepherd Services with gifts of new toys and new clothing
- ❖ Parish maintenance staff and the volunteers who helped in decorating both our upper and lower church for Christmas; once again, a beautiful job was done
- ❖ Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, sacristan, music ministry with the fine Christmas liturgical celebrations along with their assistance throughout the year
- ❖ St. John-Visitation Parish Staff for their dedicated and faithful work
- ❖ Catechists and volunteers in our Parish Religious Education Program who faithfully teach the young members of our parish community
- ❖ Advertisers on the back cover of the parish bulletin; please consider patronizing their services in the New Year ahead.

Your generosity to St. John-Visitation Church at Christmas and throughout this past year is greatly appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your financial support of our various pastoral activities, programs, building expenses, charitable outreach, and administrative costs. Many thanks and may God continue to bless us abundantly in the New Year 2016 ahead.

Why Register as Parishioners?

If you and your family have not already done so, please register as members of St. John-Visitation Parish. Being registered is important since it indicates a commitment to our parish community.

Parish registration enables us to assist you when sponsor letters or any other type of referral letters from our parish is needed. Church registration are records to assist parish community life; no church records are ever reported to INS, federal, state, or city agencies. Remember that even the Holy Family needed to register at the time of the great census prior to our Savior's birth (Luke 2:1-7)

Please make use of the yellow colored registration cards in the church or at the parish office to register. Completed cards may be returned in the parish collection or at the parish office.

Did You Know?

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) the foundress of the Sisters of Charity was the first native born US citizen to be canonized as a saint in 1975. Born into a prominent New York Episcopalian family, she married William Seton, a wealthy merchant and raised five children. While in Italy tending to her dying husband, she was inspired by Catholic friends that she met and would convert to Catholicism in 1805 after her husband's death.

She returned to the United States and established a school for girls in Baltimore as a way to support raising her children. In 1809, she began the Sisters of Charity, the first community of active women religious begun in the United States, adopting a modified rule of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is located in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary at 7 State Street in lower Manhattan near the Staten Island Ferry terminal. The shrine is a short walk from the #1 South Ferry/Battery Park subway station (52 minutes subway ride on the #1 train from our local West 231st Street subway station). Also, there is a statue of her in the lobby of the St. John-Visitation Parish Pastoral Center.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is remembered annually on January 4th.

Colecta Para la Campaña Católica

La colecta anual para la Campaña de Comunicación Católica (CIC) se está tomando en las misas de la parroquia de este fin de semana. Esta colección se comunica el Evangelio a través de actividades de medios sociales católicas y enriquece nuestra fe a través de la televisión, la radio, los medios sociales, podcasts y la prensa escrita. Su generosidad con el apoyo a esta importante labor es muy apreciada. Además, la mitad de su donación se queda en nuestra Arquidiócesis para apoyar las necesidades de comunicación locales. El CCC es cómo compartimos nuestra experiencia de fe, adoración, y el testimonio.

Mercado de Pulgas El próximo Sábado

El mercado de pulgas mensual se llevará a cabo el próximo sábado 9 de enero en el lugar de la Escuela en Godwin Terraza 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Acompañenos para compras de ganga, tesoros ocultos, buena comida, y conocer a nuestros vecinos de la zona.

Le Damos Las Gracias...

Una palabra especial de agradecimiento y gratitud se extiende en nuestro:

- ❖ Generosos donantes que apoyaron la campaña de caridad de Navidad para Good Shepherd Services con regalos de juguetes nuevos y ropa nueva.
- ❖ El personal de mantenimiento de la Parroquia y los voluntarios que ayudaron en la decoración tanto de nuestra iglesia superior e inferior para la Navidad; una vez más, se hizo un gran trabajo
- ❖ Los lectores, ministros de la Eucaristía, acólitos, ujieres, sacristán, ministerio de la música con las bellas Navidad celebraciones litúrgicas, junto con su asistencia durante todo el año
- ❖ San Juan-Visitación personal de la parroquia por su dedicación y fiel labor
- ❖ Los catequistas y voluntarios en nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial que fielmente enseñan a los jóvenes miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial
- ❖ Los anunciantes de la cubierta trasera del boletín de la parroquia; por favor considere patrocinar sus servicios en el nuevo año por delante.

Su generosidad a San Juan-Visitación Iglesia en Navidad y durante todo el año pasado es muy apreciada. Nuestra parroquia está agradecida por su apoyo financiero de nuestras diversas actividades pastorales, los programas, los gastos de construcción, acción caritativa y costos administrativos. Muchas gracias y que Dios nos siga bendiciendo abundantemente en el Año Nuevo 2016 por delante.



¿Por qué Registrarse como feligreses?

Si usted y su familia no lo ha hecho, por favor registrarse como miembros de San Juan-Visitación Parroquia. Estar registrado es importante, ya que indica un compromiso con nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Registro de la parroquia nos permite ayudar a usted cuando se necesitan cartas patrocinadores o cualquier otro tipo de cartas de referencia de nuestra parroquia. Registro Iglesia son registros para ayudar a la vida comunitaria de la parroquia; no hay registros de la iglesia nunca son reportados al INS, federales, estatales o agencias de la ciudad. Recuerde que incluso la Sagrada Familia necesitaba registrar en el momento de la gran censo antes del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador (Lucas 2: 1-7)

Por favor haga uso de las tarjetas amarillas de registro de colores en la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial para registrarse. Tarjetas completadas pueden ser devueltos en la colección de la parroquia o en la oficina parroquial.

¿Sabías?

Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) la fundadora de las Hermanas de la Caridad fue la primera nacida en los Estados Unidos los ciudadanos a ser canonizado como santo en 1975. Nacida en una familia prominente de Nueva York episcopal, se casó con William Seton, un rico comerciante y criaron cinco hijos. Mientras que en Italia tiende a su marido moribundo, se inspiró en amigos católicos que conoció y se convertiría al catolicismo en 1805 después de la muerte de su marido.

Ella regresó a los Estados Unidos y estableció una escuela para niñas en Baltimore como una forma de apoyar la crianza de sus hijos. En 1809, comenzó las Hermanas de la Caridad, la primera comunidad de mujeres activas religiosas comenzado en los Estados Unidos, la adopción de una regla modificada de las Hijas de la Caridad de San Vicente de Paúl.

El Santuario de Santa Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton se encuentra en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario en el 7 State Street en el bajo Manhattan, cerca de la terminal de ferry de Staten Island. El santuario es un corto paseo desde el # 1 South Ferry / Battery Park estación de metro (52 minutos en metro en el tren # 1 de nuestra estación de metro local West 231st Street). También, hay una estatua de ella en el vestíbulo de la Parroquia Centro Pastoral San Juan-Visitación.

Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton es recordada cada año el 4 de enero.
