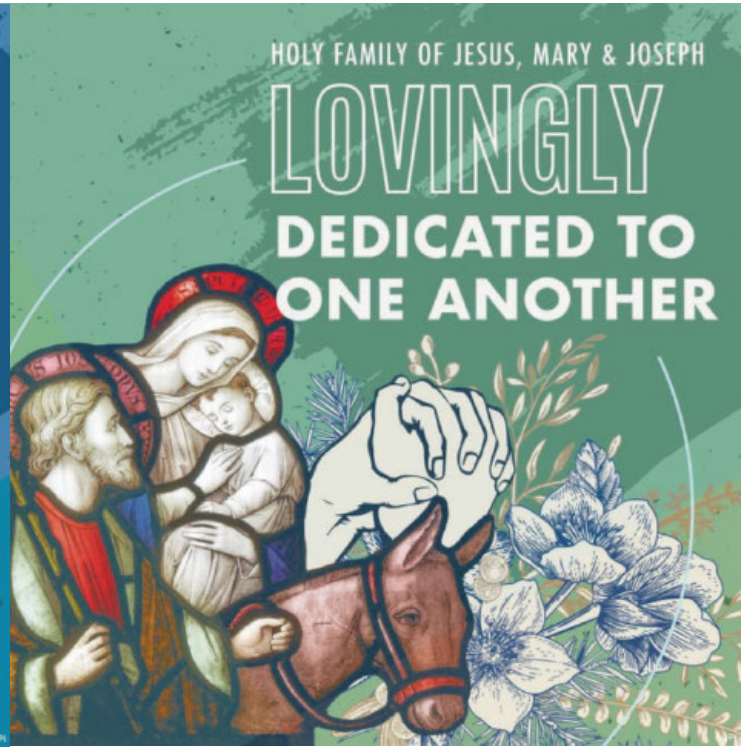


January 1, 2025



December 29, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., December 28, 2024 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

4:30 p.m. at CC Ed Finn +

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., December 29, 2024 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Kathy Bowers +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B Jim Driscoll +

11:00 a.m. at QM The Royer Family

Mon., December 30, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

Tues., December 31, 2024 *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, New Year's Eve*

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., January 1, 2025 *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord*

New Years Day Mass Schedule

- **Our Lady of Mercy 8:30 am Mass**
- **St. Benedict 10:00 am Mass**

Thurs., January 2, 2025 *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., January 3, 2025 (No Mass or Communion Service) *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Sat., January 4, 2025 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

4:30 p.m. at OLOM

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., January 5, 2025 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. at St. A

9:00 a.m. at CC

10:30 a.m. at St. B Mike Painter +

11:00 a.m. at QM Susan Shorter +

- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Baptisms:**
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Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi, and Marty Phillips, instructors

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays before the 4 p.m. Mass at SB, or after daily Masses at CC, OLOM, QM or by appointment.

Saturday, January 4, 2025 4:30 p.m at OLOM

Presider:

Lector: Beth Siwecki

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Behrens / Detsy Sacksteder

Server: Arthur Siwecki

Saturday, January 4, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change

Presider:

Lectors/Readers:

Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, January 5, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider:

Lector: Patrick Barnett

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Andressen, Fran Delegato, Doug Hoog, Jim Adkins

Server: Randall Klotz

Sunday, January 5, 2025 9:00 a.m. at CC

Presider:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Server:

Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. B

Presider:

1st Reader – YOUTH/Camille Brown

2nd Reader – YOUTH/Dominique Akpore

Petitions – Deacon Victor O'Basuyi

Extraordinary Ministers –

Carolyn Day, Rita Ellicott, Janice Allen (R);

Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Annette Young, (L)

Deacon Victor O'Basuyi (C)

Sunday, January 5, 2025 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider:

Lector: 1-Don Tomczak 2- Becky Phillips

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Server: Carl Meyer Jim Zeller

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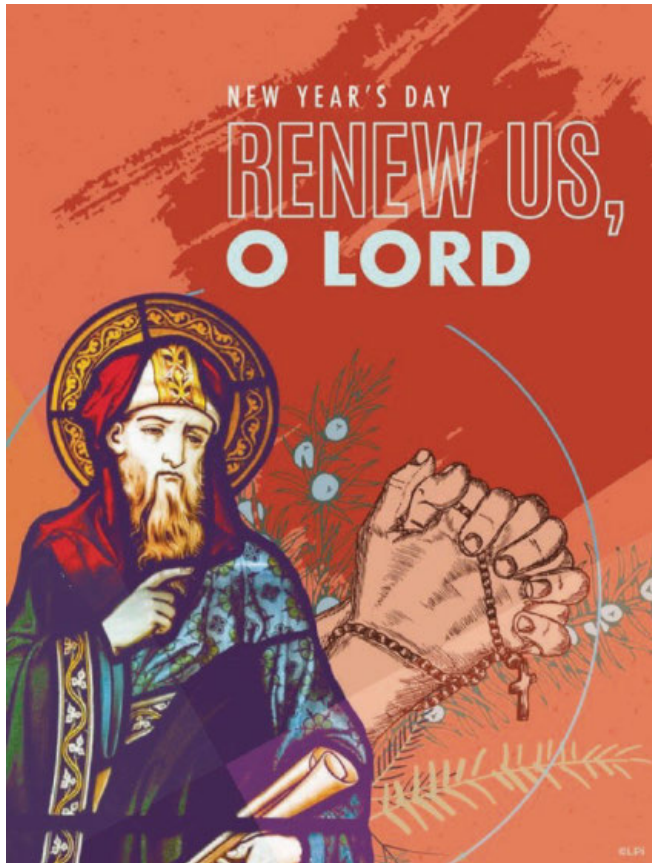
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WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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Weekend Collections

To Be updated

Please check
with your various group leaders for
activity schedules through the Holidays!



Please note that due to holiday schedules at our publisher, bulletin deadlines are irregular this time of year. If you want to be certain of when your submission will be published, please call Marty 937-307-3568, and leave a message. I will return your call. The normal schedule will resume after the first week of January.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Monday at noon
Send bulletin information to:
mphillips@qmdayton.org

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study Beginning October 2nd we will go to a “Virtual” Bible Study session. We will continue virtual for the fall & winter months. We plan to return to “in person” Bible Study after Daylight Savings begins in March 2025

We will use Google Meet as our virtual meeting tool, below is the link information. Start time remains 6:00pm, Wednesday evenings. Holiday seasonal break from Bible Study begins November 20th through 2nd week January 2025.

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<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

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Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

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**Join your church family in praying the Rosary
for the community and each other.**

St. Benedict Rosary is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

Queen of Martyrs Rosary is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Holy Family

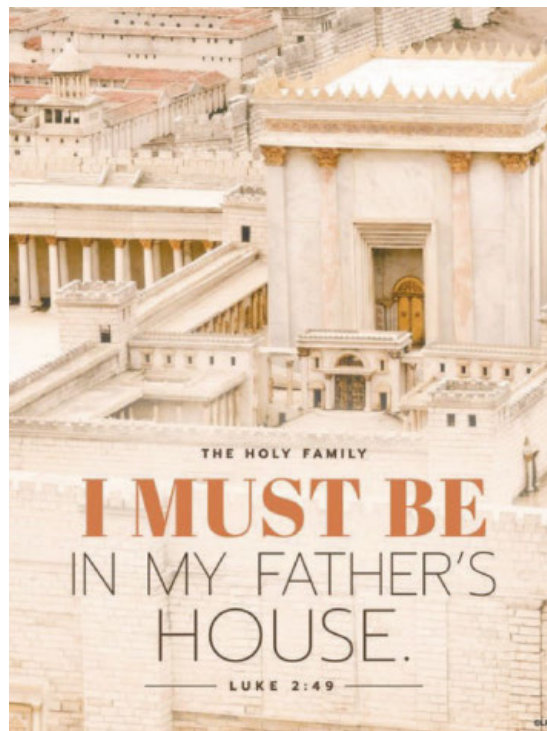
As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I’m sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, “Where is he?”

It’s an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He’s purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn’t even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn’t Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it’s okay to lose our way.

He isn’t eluding us. In fact, He’s trying to make it easy. He’s staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

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DECEMBER 29, 2024

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220 W. Siebenthaler Ave. Dayton, OH 45405
937-274-2107 info@ourladyofgracedayton.org
Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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937-277-2092 queenofmartyrsdayton@gmail.com
Website <http://qmdayton.org/>
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Prayer for Family

Dear God,
Help my family to be holy, too!
Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

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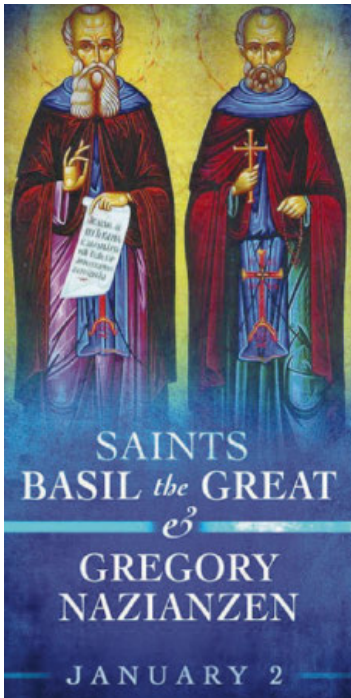
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ENRICH YOUR FAITH



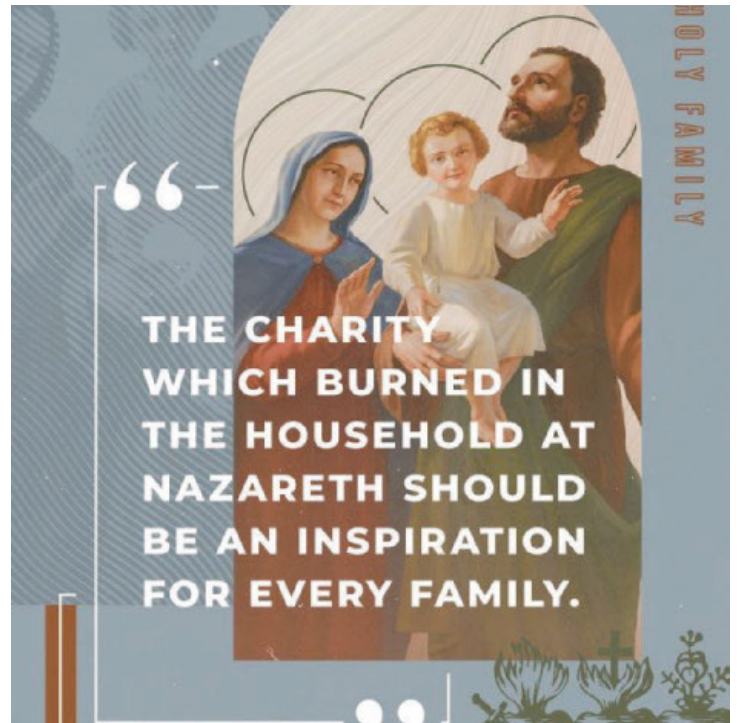
St. Basil the Great (329 – January 1, 379) shares his feast day with his lifelong friend St. Gregory of Nazianzen. These accomplished men fought against heresies that threatened the foundations of the early Church, shaping doctrines around Christ's divinity and the nature of the Holy Trinity.

St. Basil was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family already deeply rooted in Christianity, going back to the time of widespread persecution in the 1st and 2nd centuries. Following in the footsteps of his father, Basil studied in Caesarea as well as Con-

stantinople and Athens, training in the law and rhetoric. He became a popular teacher. However, his sister persuaded him to give up academia for monastic life. Before inviting St. Gregory to start an order with him, St. Basil traveled through Egypt, Palestine and Syria visiting monasteries, learning everything he could and formulating his own ideas about monastic rule. His rule is still followed today, and he is known as the Father of Eastern Monasticism.

His time in the monastery was relatively short, it was only five years before he was called to play a greater role in the Church. Ordained as a priest, by around 370 he was made bishop of Caesaria. It was in this role that he fought against the heresy of Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ, even defying an emperor! He also fought against other early Trinitarian heresies. But these important doctrinal stands were not what defined Basil. He was passionate about caring for the poor and sick, pastoral care, and fighting against institutionalized prostitution. He would preach twice a day to large crowds, and opened a complex with a hospital, orphanage, and shelter for the poor. In addition to influential monastic rules, sermons, and doctrinal treatises, more than 300 of his letters still exist.

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory, pray for us! © LPi



Jesus' Grandparents

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

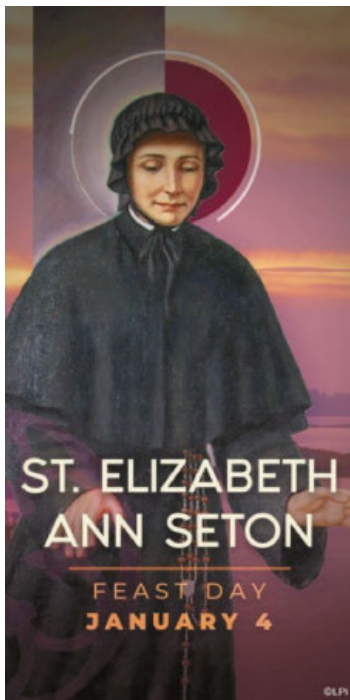
Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story? Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community. James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life. Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family.

Happy New Year! Let's make it a good one!

*Hope you're having a wonderful
Christmas Season!*

New Year Mass Schedule

New Years Day - Wednesday January 1
• **Our Lady of Mercy 8:30 am Mass**
• **St. Benedict 10:00 am Mass**



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to

Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024 at Queen of Martyrs



Thank you to those who donated funds for our beautiful Christmas flowers at Queen of Martyrs! We are honoring and remembering the following family members and loved ones: Deacon Skip Royer, Helen and Al Geglein, Debbie Merrick, Alvena and William Zimmer, Evelyn Miller, Nancy and Ralph McEldowney, Paul Wood, Dorothy and Chester Phillips, William McCallister, Truman Baker, Deceased Members of Queen of Martyrs, Tim Williams, Joseph Kolakowski, Glaser and Wolfe Family Members, Mrs. E. Frantz Bud Minnelli Lucy and Nick Minnelli, Herb and Leora McKinney, John McKinney, Kristin Cheesman McKinney, Meyring Family Members, Shirley Noeth, Elaine Mescher, John and Johnnie Robison,

St. Benedict's Thanks You for the Donations for the Christmas Flowers



Altar flowers for the 2024 Christmas season were made possible by the generous donations of the Emmett Orr, Gracious Lady Evelyn Chargois Chapter 46; David & Sharon Hairston (In memory of the deceased members of the Hairston, Orr, and Dunn families); Naomi Underwood; the Kline Family; the Brown Family (in memory of L. Christine Brown); Rhonda Miller (from Edgemont Community Coalition); Dorian Choice (in memory of her parents, Lois & Thomas Choice); Robert Odon (in memory of his mother, Ann Craft); Judy Baker; Gwynn Richardson; Ron McDonald; Jacques Glover; Corliss James; and Arvilla Crawford. Thank you all for your donations to decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season from St. Benedict's Flower Committee and the entire St. Benedict's parish family.

Save the Date!

Saint Benedict the Moor Location will be Hosting a
Movie Day on Saturday January 18, 2025.
From 12-3:30pm in the multipurpose room.
You are invited to stay for Mass, which starts at 4pm.

Save the Date!

Queen of Martyrs Location will be Hosting a
Movie Night on Monday January 13, 2025.

6:30 pm in McAuley Hall

We are currently watching Season Two of *The Chosen*



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