

Good News!

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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. — Matthew 2:9-12

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022

O Come
Let us
Adore
Him



A saint Anastasia church

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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All are welcome!

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;
NO MATTER your family situation;
NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;
NO MATTER what your self-image may be;
YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

All baptisms are private and will be held on Sundays. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191 to make arrangements. Parents must complete a Baptism Instruction class and submit a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM.
Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.

Reflections



Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton

In the Battery Park area of Manhattan, near New York Harbor, sits a historic house. From its colonnaded front porch a contented young married woman, Elizabeth Bayley Seton, could enjoy the bustle of the city. Elizabeth had grown up in New York; she was a toddler when the Revolutionary War broke out. Her father was a surgeon and anatomy professor at what is now Columbia University. Her mother was from a prominent Episcopalian family.



Elizabeth's husband William represented his father's ship merchant business. They had five children: Anna, William, Richard, Catherine and Rebecca. In the midst of this busy life, she found time to work with the poor. She even established a charity, the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children.

Then William developed health problems, complicated by worry about business reversals. Seeking a cure for him, the couple traveled to Italy, where he died. Throughout their difficult stay, they had been treated with great kindness by a Catholic family. Elizabeth was deeply touched by this and found herself drawn to Catholicism. She was received into the Catholic faith on her return to the United States. However, this was a time of strong anti Catholic feeling. As a result of her decision her wealthy family (and many of her friends) cut all ties with her. Now she herself was a poor widow with small children.

Fortunately, a priest invited her to begin a school for girls in Baltimore. This was the first Catholic school in the United States. In 1809, with a small group of other dedicated women, she established a house in Emmitsburg, Maryland. There she formed a religious community, the Sisters of Charity. It was the first congregation founded in the United States. The order grew rapidly, serving hospitals and orphanages, but was most involved with building the Catholic educational system. Elizabeth herself trained teachers and wrote textbooks. She also worked with the poor, nursed the sick and composed hymns and spiritual reflections. She died while still in her forties, having accomplished an extraordinary amount in her short lifetime (1774-1821). She was wife, mother, widow, educator and founder.

Elizabeth is the first native born American saint. She is buried in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Emmitsburg. The Roman Catholic church remembers her each year on January 4.

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Principal Celebrations of the 2022 Liturgical Year

Ash Wednesday	March 2, 2022
Easter Sunday	April 17, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday]	May 26, 2022
Pentecost Sunday	June 5, 2022
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ...	June 19, 2022
First Sunday of Advent	November 27, 2022

Pray the Rosary

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.

— Venerable Father Patrick Peyton

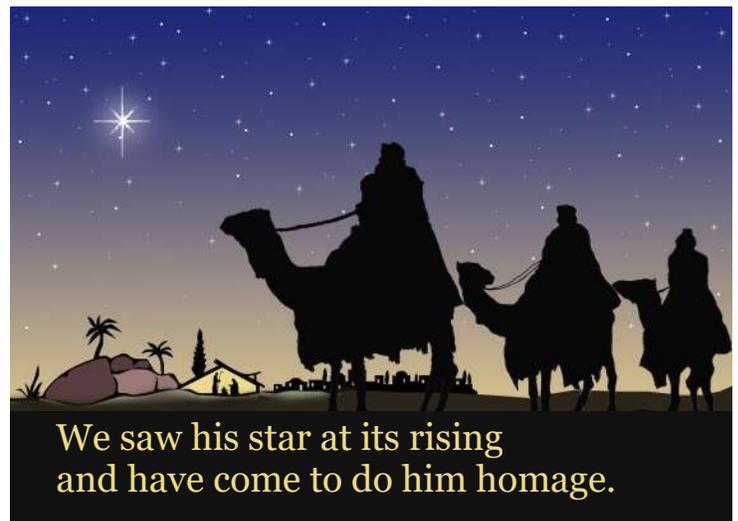
Rise and Shine: Please join us at 7:52 a.m. for the Rosary before the 8:30 AM Daily Mass.

Afternoon Prayer: We will recite the Rosary (or another devotion) each Tuesday afternoon at 4pm in the Church.

Leisure Club



On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the Leisure Club will resume their weekly meetings in The Parish Center at 1:30 PM. Proof of vaccination is required for all attending.



We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.



Understanding The Bible

BY MARY ELIZABETH SPERRY,
Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1.1. Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

2.2. Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

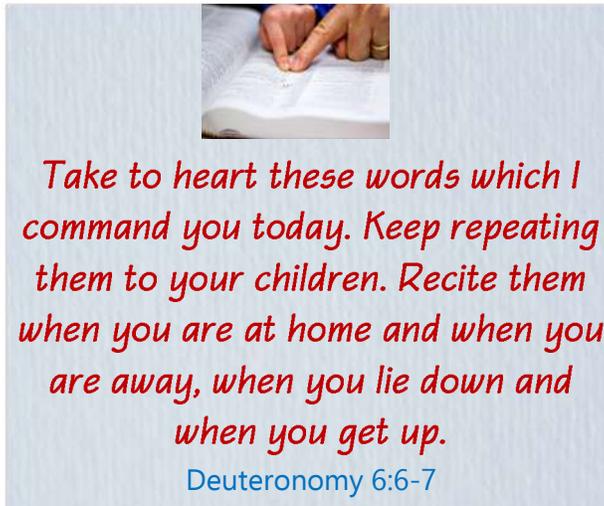
3.3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4.4. The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal his-

tory, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5.5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

6.6. The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.



7.7. The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

8.8. You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken

God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

9.9. What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

10.10. Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

Electronic Giving

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for e-giving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Make a recurring donation or a one time gift.



Your generous online donations will help sustain ministries that reflect God's love.

It would be greatly appreciated if you consider St. Anastasia in your estate planning. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. It is genuinely appreciated.



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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You!

Social Ministry



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Changes Lives

Parish Social Ministry is there to assist the parish and surrounding communities. Please look to join us with the following planned projects:

- Health Fair and Blood Drive
- Thanksgiving meals and food drive
- Grocery Store Shopping to help the food pantry at Immaculate Conception, Jamaica Estates
- Homebound ministry

If you are interested in helping with any of these, please contact Rose Ruesing at 718-225-5191 or dff@sta.nyc

Also, we are still a drop off site for food scraps. The bin is located behind the parish center across from the playground. You can drop in fruit, vegetables, eggshells, coffee and tea grinds, nuts, dried flowers and houseplants. The site is open all day, seven days a week.

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Pope Francis Sends Condolences on Death of Archbishop Tutu

2021-12-26 — BY VATICAN NEWS — Pope Francis has sent his condolences to the family and loved ones of Archbishop Desmond Tutu who has died aged 90.

In a telegramme sent to Archbishop Peter B. Wells, Apostolic Nuncio in South Africa and signed by Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, the Pope said he was saddened to learn of the Archbishop's death.

Pope Francis also paid tribute to his service to the Gospel through the "promotion of racial equality and reconciliation in his native South Africa."

In the telegramme, the Pope invoked "the divine blessings of peace and consolation of the Lord" upon all who mourn Archbishop Tutu's passing.

In a message posted on its website, the Southern African Bishops' Conference conveyed its condolences to "Mrs Leah Tutu, the family and the Anglican Church over the death of the Late Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, Desmond Mpilo Tutu."

The Archbishop, the message read, "will be remembered for his immense spiritual contribution to the liberation and democracy of South Africa, the reason for which he was a joint laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize. His quest for justice continued when he was the Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and beyond."

The Anglican Archbishop was born near Johannesburg but spent most of his later life in Cape Town and led numerous marches and campaigns to oppose the policy of racial segregation and discrimination.

When apartheid came to an end in the early 1990's and Nelson Mandela became president of the country, Archbishop Tutu was named chair of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

As well as winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, the Archbishop was awarded the Templeton Prize for his "life-long work in advancing spiritual principles such as love and forgiveness which has helped to liberate people around the world". 🇸🇦

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?



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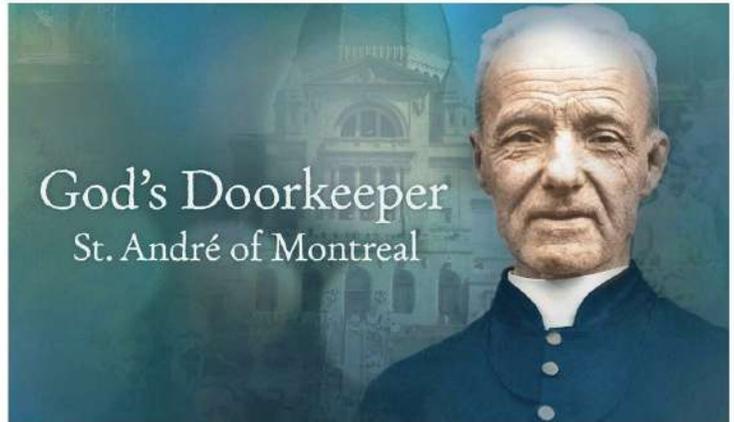
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



God's Doorkeeper
St. André of Montreal



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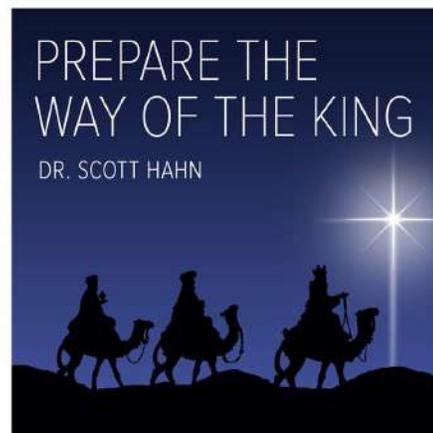
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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Bread & Wine Memorial



In Memory of
Eileen Dettmer
January 1 – 8, 2022

Prayer Intentions



Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters who are sick and all those who have died.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



January 2022
For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 2, 2021
5:00 p.m. Vigil Josephine & Michael Chimenti

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

10:00 a.m. Pietro Petti

12:00 noon John & Ellen Davis
Esther Dowling

Sunday, January 3, 2021
8:30 a.m. Pietro & Paul Nardozi
Lena & Arcangelo Reali

Monday, January 4, 2021
8:30 a.m. John Cerulli

Tuesday, January 5, 2021
8:30 a.m. Antonetta & Pasquale Casagrande
Assunta & Emilio Ferazzoli

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
8:30 a.m. Gloria Velautham (Living)

Thursday, January 7, 2021
8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy
Klara Deuber

Friday, January 8, 2021
8:30 a.m. Nancy Lynch
Luis Franqui

Saturday, January 9, 2021
5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff
Cornelius & Judy O'Brien (Living)

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

12:00 noon Arcangela & Andrea Casagrande
Mary Starr

Stay plugged into St. Anastasia!

If you have a cellphone and have not joined **Flocknote** please do it today! It is an easy way for us to communicate information to you regarding Parish happenings.

Two easy ways to stay in touch with the Church:

- 1 **Online:** Go to stanyc.flocknote.com
- 2 **Cell Phone:** Text **stanyc** to 84576

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St. Anastasia Parish Registration



We welcome visitors who have joined us today. If you wish to join our faith community, please fill out this form and place in collection basket during Mass or drop it off at the Rectory.

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