

# *“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”*

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY [‘B’]**

**JANUARY 4TH, 2014**

*“ They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”*

[The Gospel according to Matthew 2:10]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Come, join us! **[MASSES in ST. MARY’S HALL, 64 Hunns Lake Rd.]**

Saturday, 1/3	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 1/4	10:30 A.M.	Fr. Richard O’Gorman
Monday, 1/5	No Mass	{
Tuesday, 1/6	No Mass	{
Wed’day, 1/7	No Mass	{
Thursday, 1/8	No Mass	{
Friday, 1/9	No Mass	{
Saturday, 1/10	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 1/11	10:30 A.M.	[available]

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.  
Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s



## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

<b>January 4</b>	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<b>Servers/ Acolytes</b>		Tylor Pickering Melissa Leach
<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Sr Jean Flannelly Sonia Barrenger Lisa Shay
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Michael Hardner Joseph Salvia
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	_____	

The Christmas Season extends to The Feast of the  
Baptism of the Lord, January 11th.



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<b>Readers</b>	at St. Anthony’s	Burt Barrenger Sonia Barrenger John Buchal
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Michael Hardner Joseph Salvia
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**CHRISTMAS  
TIME**

**STEWARDSHIP** – Last week’s collection totaled **\$816.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$15,815.63 - 64%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$24,725.00**. The **Christmas collection** raised **\$1,163.00**. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Forget not ‘Flocknote’! You can simply go online and type in: [www.flocknote.com/ICCFamily](http://www.flocknote.com/ICCFamily) and you are in!

## **Prepare for the Lord’s Day**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

- 1] The Book of the Prophet Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
- 2] Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
- 3] The 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of John 5:1-9
- 4] The Gospel according to Mark 1:7-11



Parents: Please make certain that children do not leave the body of the church during Mass unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Our vigilance for the protection of children must be a priority.

## **MEN’S PRAYER GROUP**

meets on Saturdays in St.  
Mary’s Hall at 7:30 A.M.  
Join us!

## **Library at St. Mary’s Hall**

If anyone would like to borrow a book from the Library, it is still in the Church Hall. Please sign books out with cards provided. Helen Borger would be able to answer any questions, 868-1961.

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## CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ The Catechetical program will now be located in either of two venues –  
at St. Joseph's in Millbrook or St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.  
Call Jeanne Stroly at 845-868-1043 for information.

YEAR OF  
MARK



### January 11th, 2015 Baptism of the Lord

Welcome to the year of Mark's Gospel. Beginning today, most of our Sunday Gospel readings will come from Mark, the oldest Gospel. Today Mark narrates the baptism of Jesus, which serves as the beginning of his public ministry. Mark presents us with John the Baptist, Jesus' forerunner, a prophetic figure painted in Old Testament imagery. John's message announces that Jesus is "one mightier than I" (v7), who will "baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (v8). Following Jesus' baptism by John, a heavenly voice confirms what Mark also tells us in verse 1: Jesus is God's "beloved Son" (v11).

For the early church, Jesus was the fulfillment of today's text from Isaiah. He is God's "servant [and] chosen one" (v1). Jesus' ministry, as narrated by Mark, lives out the description in Isaiah: he opens "the eyes of the blind" and sets prisoners free, bringing light to "those who live in darkness" (v7). Jesus' acts of healing the lame and expelling demons bring freedom to those who are oppressed. This is a sign that God's spirit rests on him.

In Acts, Simon Peter is speaking in the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius. His visit to the house of a gentile is a major step forward in the spread of the gospel. Before this episode, baptism had been conferred only on fellow Jews, but with the conversion of Cornelius and his household, the doors of the gospel are opened to the whole world. Peter announces that Jesus was "anointed ... with the Holy Spirit and power" and "went about doing good" (v38). This message is meant for the whole world because he came to save us all.

**For reflection:** Do I try to live out my baptismal call in my daily life? Do I know anyone who, like Cornelius, is open to hearing the word of God? How can I bring it to him or her?

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### Feeding Our Neighbors: A Catholic Response

A Campaign to restock the food pantries and  
soup kitchens throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York  
during the week from

Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Watch for the details on how to participate.

### Catechetical Ministry to High School Youth

Gatherings at St. Anthony's Rectory

For high school age youth

Next Gathering - Sunday, January 11th

from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.

All high school youth of St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception parishes who wish to participate: please email that you will be coming by the Friday before to

⇒⇒⇒<[stanthonysre@fairpoint.net](mailto:stanthonysre@fairpoint.net)>⇒⇒⇒

[Carefully note the correct address.]

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Nations will walk by you light..."

We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God making your marriage to be a 'light' shining brighter.

For more information on dates and locations go to:

[www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free:  
877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

### 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 this day, January 4.

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