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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 5:30PM (Birthday Blessing, 1st Sat)
Sunday: 7:00 (no music), 8:00, 9:30 (Family Mass)
11:00 AM (Solemn Choir Mass), 12:30 PM

Monday-Friday, 7:00AM, 9:00AM
Saturday, 9:00AM
Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday 8:45AM
For Holy Day schedule, consult bulletin

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THE EPIPHANY

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism/Becoming a Catholic

Adults (RCIA): call the rectory for information
Infants: Parent Instructions, 2nd Saturday, 11:00am
Celebrations: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sun., 1:30; 4th Sat, Noon

Reconciliation

Sat. 4-5:30PM; **Thurs.** 9:30AM
Other times: upon request.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires specific preparation.
Contact a priest **one year** before the planned ceremony.
Archdiocesan marriage instruction is mandatory.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist for the Homebound

Contact a priest for ministry to the sick and aged at home or at a local healthcare facility. Upon request, the Eucharist will be brought to **any Catholic** who is seriously ill or homebound.

Confirmation

Baptized adults who have never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation should contact a priest to complete their Christian Initiation through the RC.I.A. process.

Holy Orders/Religious Vocations

A pastoral staff member is **always** ready to discuss the prospect of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

POPULAR DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration (Suspended for July and August)

Monday-Friday, Our Lady Memorial Chapel, 12:00-3PM
First Friday, 12:00-6:00PM
First Saturday, 9:30-10:30AM

Parish Council, Noreen Donnellan, 914-962-4419

Finance Council, Edward Murgia, 914-245-4512, Arthur Bortz (Emeritus)

Altar/Rosary Society, Janet Angelillo, 914-245-9248, Gerarda Brown

Altar Servers, Deacon Richard Juliano, 914-528-3547

Becoming a Catholic (RCIA), Fr. Robert Quarato

Bible Study (Tuesday) Pat Kiernan, 914-739-5461

Blood Bank, Agnes Manganelli, 845-628-1098

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts, Steve Scott, 914-739-4621 / Brian Dever

Cardinal's Appeal, Roland Faucher, Susan Kolesar

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Judy Van Riper

Choirs and Sacred Music, Lana Kollath, 914-736-0372

CYO Basketball, Andre Soto, 845-284-2030

Matthew Parisi, 914-450-4959

Development Committee, Katherine Quinn, kquinn3502@aol.com

Eucharistic Adoration, Alex & Felicia Winogradoff, 845-526-4495

Ann DiGraci, 914-610-1379

Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Robert Quarato

Founder's Group, Kathy Zsiday

Girl Scouts, Meg Jandrasits, 914-556-6003

Helping Hands, Cathy Bomba, 845-526-2214

Holy Name Society, Charles Angelillo, 914-245-9248

Homebound Visitation, Nancy Murgia, 914-245-4512

Hospitality Committee, Geraldine Inzirillo

Knights of Columbus, Robert Hecker, Charles Angelillo, GK

Novenas, following 9:00AM Mass

Monday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Parish Patroness

Thursday, Miraculous Medal

Recitation of the Rosary, Our Lady Memorial Chapel, After 9:00 Masses, daily

Lectors, Judy Van Riper

Legion of Mary, Loretta Mozeleski

Making All Things New Committee, Janet Angelillo, 914-245-9248

Marketing & Communications, Patrice Athanasidy

Medjugorie Rosary Guild, Joan Nastasi

Midnight Run Committee, Walter Krisa, 914-248-9737,

Eileen Kulp, 914-391-5418

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers), Len Vallario, Bill Bertram

Nursing Home Ministry, Terence Floyd

Parish Book Club, Tere McCue-Fleming

Parish Center Building Committee (PCBC), Tony Iraola

Parish Pilgrimages, Alex Winogradoff, 845-526-4495

Peekskill Pastors' Lunch Program, Mary Ellen Modico, 914-528-3547

Photography, Ed Herzog, 914-844-7611

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Pam Adamovich, 845-528-4483

Regional School Board, No. West./Put, Tom Engelhart, Frank Inzirillo

Religious Education, Sara Koshofer, 845-528-8553

Respect Life Committee, Laura Parisi

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (see Becoming a Catholic)

Safe Environment Program, Mary Ellen Modico, 914-528-3547

Saint Mary's Food Pantry, Anne Dougherty

Saint Matthew's Guild, Joe Pikula, Bill Lewis

School, Parish, Sr. Gabriel Miriam, S.C., 914-528-3563

Sacristan, Sunday, Joseph Mozdziarz

Third Order (Secular) Franciscans, Nick Oliverio

Ushers (see: Ministers of Hospitality)

Webmaster, Noreen Donnellan, 914-962-4419

Care for Those in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and the Homebound

Something to keep in mind: because of HIPA privacy laws, clergy (and any non-hospital/nursing home staff) no longer have access to patient information. Therefore, we do not know if our parishioners are in the local hospitals/nursing homes unless a staff person or family member informs us. If you have someone in the hospital, please notify the Catholic Chaplaincy. Every hospital has a priest assigned to it. If you have someone who is truly home bound, call the rectory and let us know.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

The Holy Father asks the people of the world to pray with him for the following during January:

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of goodwill may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

MASS INTENTIONS

	5:30	Gladys Cole
Sun	Jan 4	The Epiphany of the Lord
	7:00	Gerald Kieran
	8:00	Dec'd Mbrs Pikula & Kubicki Families
	9:30	Oliver & Margaret Reilly
	11:00	William Finnerty
	12:30	People of Seton Parish
Mon	Jan 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop
	7:00	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Sandi (living)
	9:00	John & Jeanne Kilroy
Tue	Jan 6	Christmas Weekday
		St. André Bessette, Religious
	7:00	Steven Medeo
	9:00	Doris Blecha
Wed	Jan 7	Christmas Weekday
		St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
	7:00	Walter J. Hemsley
	9:00	Eleanor M. Bambach
Thurs	Jan 8	Christmas Weekday
	7:00	Yola Vigna
	9:00	Joseph Bruno
Fri	Jan 9	Christmas Weekday
	7:00	Mark Cleere
	9:00	Tommy Roberts
Sat	Jan 10	Christmas Weekday
	9:00	Carmine Izzo
	5:30	Jane A. Pica
Sun	Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord
	7:00	People of Seton Parish
	8:00	Clara Eberhardt
	9:30	Steven Medeo
	11:00	Maria Conner
	12:30	Liv & Dec'd Mbrs of the Evans Family

WEEKLY MEMORIALS (3)

The **Sanctuary Lamp**, indicating the Real Presence, burns in memory of **Linda Siegmund**.

The **Eternal Flame** in Our Lady Memorial Chapel, burning in memory of deceased children, and those lost on September 11, 2001, has been donated in memory of **Sr. Regina Catherine Gorga**.

The **Sacramental Bread and Wine** were donated in honor of **Joan Leen** (80th birthday).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name society meeting scheduled for next week is canceled due to the Men's Retreat.

Eucharistic Adoration Resumes

Weekday Eucharistic Adoration resumes **tomorrow**.

Select January Events

Sat, Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Seton Memorial (1821)
Mon, Jan 5	School Mass, Patronal Feast
Sat, Jan 10	Pre-Baptism Class
Mon, Jan 19	Rev. Martin King Day-RECTORY CLOSED
Sat, Jan 24	Volunteer Workers Appreciation Dinner
Sun, Jan 25	Patronal Feast Day (Observed) School Open House
Tue, Jan 27	"Touring Tuesday"/School Open House
2nd Collections: Catholic Communications/Catholic University, Seton Emergency Maintenance Fund, Seton School	

A Special Thank You

"Thank You" for bringing an artistic eye, as well as a strong back to our Advent and Christmas decorations this year. A special note of appreciation to Fr. Rajan, Dina Lenzi, Sue Kolesar members of the Holy Name and Altar and Rosary Societies, the Seton Scouts and parishioners who joined them in making our Church beautiful for the Christmas Season. Thanks to the choirs, lectors, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, *St. Mathew's Guild* (Sunday collection counters), secretaries, etc. who will make the Christmas Masses memorable. It's that old Seton spirit again, and, thanks be to God, we've got it for the good of all!

Thank You for the Gifts

A warm "Thank You" to all those who were so kind to send Mass cards, greeting cards, baked goods, fruit, wine and various gifts to the Rectory. We are convinced that we have some of the best cooks and bakers in Shrub Oak! We are most appreciative of your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God bless you and your families this New Year! Fr. Quarato, Fr. Graebe and Fr. Rajan and the parish staff.

ALTAR SERVER FINAL TRAINING

SETON Boys and Girls who signed up to be altar servers must complete one **of the these remaining sessions:**

Mondays: 3:30 – 5:00 PM, Thursdays: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Saturdays: 1:30-3PM.

DATES (All server candidates must attend one of each session):

SESSION 6 - 1/5 or 1/8 or 1/10

Commissioning of our New Altar Servers

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th

AT THE 8:00 AM MASS

Please join us as we welcome in service our new Altar Servers who just completed training. *Please pray for all of our young people!*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

As is our custom, a person's name will appear for four weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family.

Gloria Colbrook, Jennifer Comerford, Oscar Orlando Cruz, Brynlee Davis, Barbara Dearstyne, Louis Dearstyne, Edward DiCaprio, Kathleen Heffernan, Helen Hendrick, Patrick Hurley, Jr., Eileen Kostecke, Brad Lewis, Sr., Noreen Malanaphy, Lucy Mazzeo, Ramona Olszewski, Frank O'Rourke, Katharine Pacensa, Catherine Peace, Rose Pryschiak, Jake Steven Rohauer, Terry Samborski

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

George DePolo

Next Weekend
Second Collection

January 10th/11th: Emergency Maintenance Fund

And the winner is . . .

The winners of our December **50/50 Raffle**, whose name was drawn Monday at noon a member of our St. Matthew's Guild, isare **Robert and Marilyn Marconi**. They won **\$622.50**, 50% of the ticket sales. Congratulations!

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
OR ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Please speak to Fr. Quarato if you are interested. RCIA Meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30PM to 9PM in the Chapel.

**SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH**

VOLUNTEER WORKERS' DINNER

The annual, free event, honoring those parishioners who have worked throughout the entire year for the parish, is scheduled for Saturday evening, **January 24th**. This is a party for adults only, and yes, spouses are **invited**.

(1) If you belong to a parish group (choir, A&R, Holy Name, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.), make your reservation **through your parish group leader**.

(2) If you do NOT belong to a group, make your reservation by **calling the rectory** at (914) 528-3547, after the first of the year to make a reservation.

It's Time to Come Home!



Mass Cards, etc.

On **Monday, January 5th at 9:30AM**, the following will be available in the rectory: 1) **Mass Intentions** for July 2015; 2) "Memorial Offerings for the **Bread and Wine**", "**Tabernacle Lamp**" and/or Chapel "**Eternal Flame**" for February 2015.

Please save the date!

On **Wednesday, Jan. 21st**, St. Patrick's Parentcare Program will be hosting **Julie Doyle**, an Early Recognition Specialist at Putnam RISE program, who will speak on Infant and Toddler Separation Anxiety at **10:00AM** in the Parish Center Hall. Play care teachers will be available to supervise children. Please pre-register with **Ann-Marie, 914-962-5050**. This event is **free and open to all**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LENT PARISH MISSION 2015

MARCH 23-25

PRAYER + PREACHING + PRAISE

With the CFRs

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

&

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Parish Book Club

We meet next **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 2pm** in the Chapel to discuss **The Devil's Advocate** by **Morris West**, a fascinating story on part of the Church's process of determining sainthood, and much more. See the blurb on our Website, www.seton-parish.org.

Tree of Life

In the proper entrance to **Our Lady Memorial Chapel** you can find on the wall an image of a **tree**. Its leaves, and the rocks around the base of the tree, are memorials or acknowledgements, of people and families. Many of the **leaves**, and the **stones**, have names upon them. This is a unique way of remembering someone, and of asking others who come upon this tree to remember them in prayer. These people are one of the groups that we remember at Sunday Masses when we mention "those on our prayer lists" at the Prayer of the Faithful. There are several spaces still open and waiting for a person's or a family's name. Visit the *Tree of Life* if you have never seen it. Enrollment or questions: please direct them to a parish secretary, weekdays. (NB the name(s) enrolled can be those of living or deceased persons.)

Have You Ever Wanted to Pray
The Liturgy of the Hours,
but found it too complicated?

Here's a real "find," go online (even on a *smartphone* or *tablet*) to the **FREE** website, divineoffice.org, and you can read, or just LISTEN (a podcast) to the official "Prayer of the Church" being read, slowly and reverently, by clear male and female voices. The entire text for all the *liturgical hours* is there, and you need nothing other than your ears, mouth and heart to join in this unique prayer form recited by clergy and laity around the world. **No download is required.**

Birthright of Peekskill

Need a New Years resolution? Volunteers are needed in the office of Birthright of Peekskill on **Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Fridays**. "The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few". We are presently open on Mondays, Tuesday evenings, Thursdays and Saturdays, but need to be open more days. Trainings will be held soon. Please call **Tina McDermott, 914-245-1795**.

Young Adult Outreach
www.catholicnyc.com

A Note about Becoming Sponsors For Baptism and Confirmation

It is a great honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. The role of a "godparent" is to be an "other parent" in matters of our holy Faith. That is why sponsors must be practicing Catholics, 16 years of age or older, having received Confirmation and currently living a good Christian moral life. If the sponsor is married, that person must be in a valid Church marriage. One sponsor is required for Confirmation. It is customary to have two for Baptism, in which case one must be male and the other female. A nominated sponsor is asked to get certification from his/her current parish. This is a declaration by a priest/ deacon that the individual is qualified to be a sponsor according to Church Law. To be so certified, the individual must be a current parishioner of the particular parish where the certification is being sought, and be known to the priest/deacon as being a faithful practicing Catholic, attending Mass there regularly. Unfortunately, at times, family members or friends are chosen to be sponsors with good intentions, but are found to be ineligible according to Church Law. Also, more and more, people seem to think that they are still "parishioners" of their childhood parish, where they attended school or received sacraments years ago, while no longer living in the area or attending Mass there regularly. It is important for all individuals to be active members of their local Catholic faith communities. The unfortunate fact is that some are neither practicing Catholics nor faithful members of a parish family, and are thereby ineligible to become sponsors. Like all other things in life, individual choices bring consequences. **Here, at Seton, Certificates of Sponsorship are given by the pastor to registered members of the parish who are practicing Catholics and who meet the above criteria. Please see the pastor after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday to inquire about getting a certificate.**

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Catholic Infertility Support Group for Women

If you are facing infertility and long for some guidance and support, please join us on **Monday, January 5th**, from 7:30-8:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Family Education Center in Yorktown Heights, Room 101.

RSVP to toni.saintpats@gmail.com.

Shop and Donate, Painlessly!

Did you know if you shop at the **De Cicco Market**, and tell the cashier to credit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, **2% of everything you purchase will be given to us?** Perhaps there are other stores who offer such nice services! Speak to Fr. Quarato. Each of these little donations goes a long way!

Looking for that right person?

www.catholicingles.com

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL ALUMNI

In anticipation of Seton School's 50th anniversary in 2015-16, we are searching for all Seton graduates and alumni. If you are a Seton alumnus, parent, relative, friend, spread the word and send full contact information to **SetonShrubOakAlumni@outlook.com** or call **Christopher Campo, 845-526-2363**. Find us on Facebook: "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Alumni, Shrub Oak, NY."

Contemporary Music Meeting

Monday, January 12th
at 7:30PM in the Church

Are you interested in forming a Contemporary Ensemble to lead music at a weekend liturgy? Members of the former "Folk Group" are meeting with Fr. Quarato to brainstorm. If you sing and or play an instrument, we are interested in you! Speak with Fr. Quarato if you are interested.

Parish Pictures

Visit our website to see the pictures from our parish's events, so graciously taken by Ed Herzog, our parish photographer. Pictures are available for purchase with all proceeds going to the parish. For prints, please email Ed at baby-pict@earthlink.net, or call 914-844-7611.

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Parishioners who "passed from this life to the next" during the week of January 3rd in previous years: **Salvatore Natalie, Thomas McCarthy, Joseph Vito, Giovanni Rizzo, Hugo Kretschman, Jean Berardi, John Coyne, Mary Dippolito, Barbara Oswald, Sarah DeWit, Helen Bugess, Anna Diana, Darra Caoelli, Margaret O'Brien, Frederick J. Hogan, Edward Walsh, Pat J. Crocitto, James King, Liberato Rappoli, Ester Sipmaier, Salvatore Ficci, Rosalie J. Weir, James J. Byrne, Matthew Bajcar, James Smith, Matthew Colavito, Regina Cassidy, Robert Vinscotski, George Walsh, James Chappone, John Gugliemo, Enzo L. Corini, Thomas Kenna, Mary Anita Barclay, Pauline Sherman, Dennis Fahey, Ida Esposito, Lucille Libonati, Claudia Fortugno, Mary Tornese, Daniel Manfredonia, Matthew McCrudden, Joseph W. Bruno, William Wiemers, Gregory Turner, Catherine Cizek, Paul Cooney, Andrew Welch, Bennie DiCarrado, William Cain, Alfred Smith, Anne Spina, Julius Miller, Carmelo Castro, Dorothy Welby, Ray Morandi, Marilyn Meyers**

BULLETIN SPOTLIGHT

This week, Seton Parish highlights **Eric Teitel, M.D., F.A.C.G. & David E. Lin, M.D., F.A.C.G., Gastroenterology and Gymnastics City** whose advertisements at the rear of our bulletin, along with nearly 100 other local businesses, make possible the printing of this parish bulletin by the John Patrick Publishing Company, 52 weeks a year. **When the need arises, please patronize our advertisers.**

LIGHT A CANDLE IN CHURCH

A distinguishing characteristic of Catholic and Orthodox churches is the use of candles. They serve multiple purposes:

1) PROLONG PRAYERS

The main function of numerous, small candles in glass containers -- that are often displayed in racks or stands and known as votives or vigil lights -- is to maintain the intention of prayers, usually for a specific issue or person (living or deceased). Those who light them usually say a prayer over one candle at a time, and by keeping these individual candles lit for extended periods of time, the individual prayer is believed to be prolonged and amplified along with the intentions of other believers' prayers. This creates a collective spirit of prayer for the entire church that is comforting, because even when churchgoers leave, their prayers remain in the church.

2) SYMBOLIZE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Candles are also lit to symbolize the light of Christ and the Holy Trinity at liturgies such as Mass. Traditionally, these candles are made of beeswax to symbolize the purity of Christ. The number and placement of candles to be lit at the primary church altar varies greatly depending on the specific occasion.

3) HONOR JESUS, MARY AND THE SAINTS

Candles are lit at secondary altars and shrines in honor of Jesus, Mary and the Saints. These candles signal the prayers of petition of the faithful (see 1).

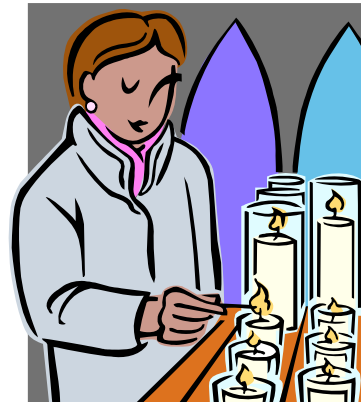
The following prayer is still used in the Cathedral of Tours, France where St. Martin was bishop from 371 – 397 AD.

LORD, THIS CANDLE THAT I HAVE LIT,
MAY IT BE *LIGHT* FROM YOU
TO LIGHTEN MY WAY
THROUGH DIFFICULTIES AND DECISIONS.

MAY IT BE *FIRE* FROM YOU TO BURN
UP MY SELFISHNESS, MY PRIDE
AND ALL THAT IS IMPURE IN ME.

MAY IT BE *FLAME* FROM YOU
TO WARM MY HEART
AND TEACH ME TO LOVE.

LORD, I CANNOT STAY
LONG IN YOUR HOUSE.
THIS CANDLE IS A LITTLE BIT
OF MYSELF THAT I OFFER TO YOU.
HELP ME TO CONTINUE MY PRAYER
IN ALL THAT I DO THIS DAY.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 2015

This Feast -- also known as the "Theophany" or "Three Kings Day" -- recalls Christ revealing Himself as Divine in three different ways: to the Magi, at His Baptism, and with His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.



For families who practice traditions involving "the Magi" or "La Befana" leaving gifts for children, the day begins with the little ones discovering what was left for them while they slept on Twelfth Night.

It is a long standing tradition to bless and rededicate homes today. Take some Holy Water from the font (by the sacristy) if you do not have any at home. Gather the family in the main room of the house (where you spend most of your time together). A family elder recites the following prayer:

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. The Holy Magi, Saints Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, pray for us.

After the prayer of blessing is recited, walk through the house together and bless each room by sprinkling with Holy Water. When finished, the family gathers back in the same room where you began and the group prays together:

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

It is customary in some religious orders to choose a new patron Saint today for the coming year. Families can do this, too, choosing a new Saint by designating someone (e.g., father or mother, etc.) to select the new Patron, by determining by lot who will select the new patron, by having family members write down their choices and choosing at random, by allowing the person to choose who presents the best argument for a particular Patron, etc. It would be very beneficial if the person who chooses teaches the rest of the family about that particular Patron, perhaps looking up the Saint online or in the library, finding art work depicting the Saint, etc., and sharing the information.

Also, in many places the traditional *Three Kings' Cake* or other cultural foods are enjoyed by all (search on the internet for recipes.)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING

Seton needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers! A candidate must be Catholic at least 14 years of age to become a Lector / 18 years of age to become a Eucharistic Minister, having received First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The candidate must be leading a life of faith in keeping with the function to be assumed, not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared, be reverential, respectful of his/her faith, and of good moral character; and if married, be in a valid marriage according to the law of the Catholic Church. Lectors should possess the necessary ability and talents to proclaim the Word of God in a clear, dignified, and effective manner. Extraordinary Ministers who will bring Holy Communion to the sick should be able to minister to the sick in a compassionate, prayerful, and sensitive way. They should possess psychological maturity and the ability to keep confidences, not discussing indiscriminately the condition of patients or their homes.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

For those interested in helping with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass (weekdays and/or weekends) and/or interested in taking Holy Communion to the homebound or those in our local nursing homes. EMHC serve according to their own availability. Training will encompass five consecutive Thursdays. Choose either the afternoon or evening sessions: 2:30PM – 3:30PM or 7:30PM – 8:30PM in the Church.

The training sessions are:

- Jan 8 - Intro to Eucharistic Theology: Scripture and History
- Jan 15 - The Eucharistic Tradition of the Church
- Jan 22 - Liturgy and Ritual
- Jan 29 - Ministry and Spirituality
- Feb 5 - Practicum



LECTOR TRAINING

For those who are good readers and feel called to proclaim the Sacred Scriptures at our Liturgies, we are interested in you! Lectors serve according to their own availability. Training will encompass five consecutive Wednesdays. Choose either the afternoon or evening sessions: 2:30PM – 3:30PM or 7:30 PM – 8:30PM in the Church.

The training sessions are:

- Jan 7 - Intro to Scripture: The Word of God
- Jan 14 - The Word in the Sacred Liturgy: Understanding the Liturgy of the Word
- Jan 21 - Ministry and Spirituality
- Jan 28 - How to Proclaim the Word of God - Skills Building
- Feb 4 - Practicum



Call Fr. Quarato if you are interested in either ministry, or if you would like more information. Current Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend, please leave word at the Rectory, 914-528-3547.

