

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Bobbi R. Miller
	7:30a.m.	Edward Guinto
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Vincent and Dorothy Pisula
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Mark Kuhn
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Sandy Sneeringer
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Mary Ann Long
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Susan Sand
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Elmer Smith
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Special Intention
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat. Jan. 19 th	5:30p.m.	Bill and Sherry Eckenrode
Sun. Jan. 20 th	7:30a.m.	Allen and Lisa Smith
	10:00a.m.	Dick and Deb Matthews



Ann Theresa O'Neill. Masses were said on Ann's behalf, and children in parochial schools prayed for her as well. A relic of Mother Seton -- a scrap of cloth that had been touched to her remains -- was pinned to Ann's nightgown.

Doctors who saw Ann's fatally low blood count turn completely normal after the visit to the tomb wondered if they had stumbled across a cure for leukemia. Maybe Ann's chickenpox had forced her body to jump-start its immune system. A bad enough case could do that sometimes -- but no such remission had ever lasted.

Although a devout Catholic himself, Dr. Healy was among the skeptical. "We were all very, very amazed," he said. "I couldn't believe it. We thought it was strictly a remission." The disease would surely return, and just as surely, it would kill Ann O'Neill. When he was called before the Vatican tribunal a decade later, he told the roomful of priests and bishops and doctors that he had never before witnessed such fathomless faith.

Ann's health did not rebound overnight. She was pathetically thin and weak, but she grew stronger by the day, and the O'Neill's were convinced that she had indeed been cured.

The doctors who had treated Ann acknowledged that her cure was unprecedented and could not be explained by the laws of science or nature. Dr. Sacks was guarded. "I do not know whether there was a miracle or not," he testified, though he said he had never seen or heard of a spontaneous cure like Ann's. He said that at the time of her illness, the prognosis for leukemia was "inexorably fatal. The longest remission I know of is 2 1/2 years." Is there any case where remission has been permanent, Sacks was asked. "No, not that I know of. They would certainly have been written up. The only reason that this has not been written up in this case is that I have been afraid to." He did not elaborate.

A native of Ireland raised Catholic himself, Dr. McCaffrey has never reviewed records in the O'Neill case, and does not believe in miracles, though he encourages families of his cancer patients to pray. "The body to me is a very mechanical thing," he said in a telephone interview. "If a car needs gas, you can pray all you want and it won't start." "Something definitely did happen that obeyed the laws of physics in respect to the body," he said of Ann O'Neill's cure. If that something happened for no explicable reason, McCaffrey admits, then "it's a miracle."

Our Cookie Sale through Cross Catholic Outreach, provided 15,750 meals for starving students in Haiti. Thanks to those who participated!

"GUIDED PRAYER APP" The app is called "Hallow" and offers guided audio sessions through a variety of prayer types, including Christian Meditation, the Examen, Lectio Divina, and Spiritual Writing. To learn more, visit www.hallow.app or feel free

to reach out to Alessandro DiSanto at alessandro@hallow.app. The app is available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store

"9 Days for Life" is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life, Jan. 14th – 22nd. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join!

All are invited to Bishop's Listening Session to be held Wed. Jan. 16th at 7:00p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 5055 Grandview Rd. Hanover. Bishop Gainer will address concerns regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese's response to abuse, the path forward, and any other questions or concerns from parishioners.

All are welcome to join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. Jan. 19th at 10:15a.m. to pray the rosary and read the monthly message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-476-6435. Check out the website: www.directionforourtimes.org.

"Mangia for Music" Delone Catholic Music Association annual fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Night to be held on Sat. Jan. 26th from 4:00 – 6:00p.m. Spaghetti dinner includes marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage & dessert. \$8 per adult \$6 per child ages 4 – 10 children, under 3 eat free. For ticket purchase contact Carol Stiles 717-968-4659 or email stiles518@embarqmail.com

The free movie will begin at 6:30p.m. in the Old Gym. Bring blankets to sit on. Popcorn, candy & drinks will be available for purchase. Contact Carol Stiles at the above information to RSVP.

We will begin another Bible Study; **"Follow Me"** meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. It is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus calls us to be disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love, and to love others as He loves us. "Follow Me" invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. **The Study begins on Thurs. Jan. 31st from 6:30 – 8:00p.m. in the Parish Hall.** It is an 8 week course. Cost is \$20. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. Contact the Parish Office, 717-637-2721 or John Barrett 717-633-1082 for more information.

St. Teresa of Calcutta School News

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, Feb. 3rd from 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. here at the Conewago Campus. All are invited to take a tour of the school, meet with our Administration and Faculty and learn more about all that we have to offer. Refreshments will be served. R.S.V.P. appreciated, but not required. To R.S.V.P, please contact Mrs. Guy at 717-637-3135. For more information please visit our website www.stck8school.org

The Second Collection this weekend is Aid to the Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America & Africa.

The Children's Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel, 9 N. Third St. McSherrystown, this Sun. Jan. 13th at 3:00p.m. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 717-632-2721.

Congratulations to our Second Grade Students who made their First Penance Saturday. May the Lord bless them as they move forward serving Christ in our Catholic faith.

Our Pennies for Life Program continues this weekend. This pro-life activity accepts 1 penny for every year of life God has given you. (Currency is also accepted.) The container will be out every weekend in January. Proceeds benefit Tender Care Pregnancy and Consultation Services in Hanover. Our first week total was \$199.01.

Pastors Column: The feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is celebrated on January 4. She was canonized on September 14, 1975. The following was adapted from the Washington Post (April 3, 1994) Part three the final chapter, continued from last week. Sis O'Neill knew nothing about Mother Seton. A deeply devout convert to the Catholic Church, Seton was a widow with five small children when she founded the country's first religious order and began living a life of abject poverty as a Sister of Charity in Emmitsburg, Md., where she also established the first parochial school.

In that spring of 1952, Sister Mary Alice launched an all-out campaign for Seton's sainthood, sending word to convents, parish churches and rectories to pray to Mother Seton for the recovery of