

# St. Mary's School

January 5, 2018 Newsletter



What an interesting winter it has been so far! As I write this, the temperature is -9 degrees, with a wind-chill of -30! The school is very quiet; I hope all of our boys and girls are enjoying their day off!

The Christmas season officially ends this weekend with the celebration of Epiphany. The holidays were a wonderful experience here at St. Mary's, including a delicious hot turkey dinner courtesy of Paul and Maureen Howard, and a surprise visit from Santa on the last day of school.

A very Happy New Year to all of our families. May God bless you in the coming year, and may we all continue to grow in His love.

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## Upcoming Events

January 15 – No School

19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends

20 – First Communion Parent Meeting

28 - K of C Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Jan. 29-Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week

## Important Announcements



**Please know that we have extra hats, mittens, scarves and socks if your child forgets theirs.**

**Our school day starts at**

**8:00am**

**Please have your student come to school on time!**



## Our Website

[www.stmaryscantonny.com](http://www.stmaryscantonny.com)



## Our Saint of the Week

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## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – January 4 Patron of Seafarers

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.