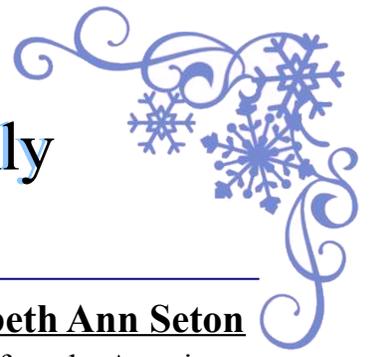




# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019



## Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, January 8th* at 8 AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion. Father will also be hearing Confessions before Mass.

The servers for Mass will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari. The readers will be Munro Hewitt and Joseph Storck.

For school closings, please tune in to 10TV or 10tv.com. Mater Dei will be listed specifically. You will also receive an email no later than 6:00 AM if we close for the day.

Please make sure your child(ren) comes to school with appropriate coats, hats, and gloves/mittens when needed. Also, if they are cold in the classrooms, our dress code permits a navy blue button down cardigan sweater for girls and a navy blue pull over cardigan sweater or sweater vest for boys. These sweaters should not have hoods.



## Saint of the Day: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the upper class of New York society. In spite of this background, her early life was often lonely; the Bible was to become her continual instruction, support and comfort. In 1794, she married the wealthy young William Seton; they had five children. The couple

took charge of William's family, as well as the family business, when William's father died. The business was finally forced into bankruptcy and William's health declined; he, Elizabeth, and their eldest daughter sailed for Italy, where he had business friends. Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis there.

Elizabeth's Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction. She was led to become a Catholic by her belief in the Real Presence; devotion to Mary; and conviction that the Church led back to the apostles and Christ. Back in New York, she was received into the Church in 1805. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic.

To support her family, Elizabeth started a school for girls in Baltimore, Maryland. She and two other young women began a religious order. The community moved to Emmitsburg in 1809 and started a free Catholic school. Mother Seton's order laid the foundation for the Catholic parochial school system in the U.S. She trained her sisters for teaching, wrote textbooks, and worked among the poor and sick. By 1818, the sisters had established two orphanages and another school. Mother Seton died in 1821 and was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI. She was the first native-born American to be canonized.

*Have a safe and blessed weekend.*

Lord God, You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace as wife and mother, educator and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to Your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for You, in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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