



Pope's Prayer Intention for December:
For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- **Holy Day of Obligation**-
8th Day of Octave of Christmas



- Jan. 2 **St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**-Bishops & Doctors patrons of Russia, monks, poets
- Jan. 3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
- Jan. 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**-patron of Catholic schools, widows, loss of parents
- Jan. 5 **Solemnity of The Epiphany of Our Lord/St. John Neumann**-patron of Catholic Education
- Jan. 6 **St. Andre Bessette**-patron of family caregivers
- Jan. 7 **St. Raymond of Penyafort**-patron of canon lawyers/medical record librarians
- Jan. 12 **The Baptism of the Lord**
- Jan. 13 **St. Hilary of Poitiers**-patron of lawyers
- Jan. 17 **St. Anthony of the Desert**-patron of butchers, skin diseases, gravediggers
- Jan. 20 **St. Fabian**-patron of Rome
St. Sebastian-patron of athletes, soldiers, victims of the plague
- Jan. 21 **St. Agnes**-patron of young girls, rape victims, chastity
- Jan. 22 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
St. Vincent, Deacon (USA transferred to Jan 23)-patron of vintners, brickmakers, sailors
- Jan. 23 **St. Marianne Cope**-patron of Hawaii, lepers, outcasts, HIV/AIDS victims
- Jan. 24 **St. Francis de Sales**-patron of writers, journalists
- Jan. 25 **The Conversion of St. Paul**-patron of missionaries, evangelists and writers
- Jan. 26 **SS Timothy & Titus**-patron of stomach disorders
- Jan. 27 **St. Angela Merici**-patron of illnesses, disabled and physically challenged people
- Jan. 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**-patron of universities and students
- Jan. 31 **St. John Bosco**-patron of editors, publishers, schoolchildren and juvenile delinquents



January Spiritual Enrichment:
Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus

On behalf of the Spirituality Pillar of the Catholic Family of South Buffalo we offer you the following for your spiritual enrichment.

Featured Saint: St. John Neumann 1811-1880

Patron of sick children, education and immigrants, he was born in modern-day Czech Republic, and considered becoming a medical doctor but his mother saw his true desire was to be a priest. Bishop of NY, John Dubois, ordained him only 17 days after his arrival at St. Patrick's cathedral. His first assignment was to minister to the **Germans immigrants in Buffalo**. He traveled to Williamsville to celebrate the first Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, established a school there but the high school named for him closed in 1980. He took vows as a Redemptorist and 5 years later was named the 4th Bishop of Philadelphia. He is the first, and so far, only male U.S. citizen to be named a saint, canonized by Pope St. Paul VI on June 19, 1977. He served in Buffalo from 1836-1840. St. John Neumann, pray for us and our diocese.



Marian Devotions in January
Our Lady of Hope: Jan. 17th
Our Lady of Portmain France,
patroness of Felician Sisters

Our Lady of Prompt Succor: Jan. 8th
Patroness of Louisiana & New Orleans



Spiritual Books:
by St. Francis de Sales



Prayer for Families at Christmas:

Heavenly Father, as we come together with family and friends for Christmas, we ask for Your peace to dwell among us. Let this time of gathering be free from discord and filled with understanding, love, and mutual respect. May your peace be the foundation of our conversations and interactions. Help us to cherish these moments together and to reflect Your love in all that we do.

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