

# Children's Newsletter

## St Mary's

Luke 21:5-19

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Sunday

Jesus warns his friends and followers that it will not always be easy to follow him. There will be plenty of other people who will hate them because they love Jesus but that it would be worth it.

### Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul

November 18th

Saint Peter's Basilica was originally built in 323 by the emperor Constantine. The basilica was built over the tomb of Peter the Apostle, the Church's first Pope. The construction of the new church spanned over 200 years before its completion. It was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1626. It is considered the most famous church in Christendom.



Saint Paul's Basilica is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by the emperor Constantine though it was destroyed by fire in 1823. Donations from around the world made the reconstruction possible. Before the completion of Saint Peter's Basilica, St Paul's was the largest church in Rome. The Basilica was built over St. Paul's grave. Pope Pius IX consecrated the Basilica in 1854.

Millions of pilgrims visit these two churches each year.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Margaret of Scotland sailed to Scotland from her native England to escape the king who conquered their land. She married Malcolm and became Queen.

She provided good advice and made a good ruler much better thru her wisdom. She had new churches built, obtained more teachers and corrected evil practices.



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## Saint Margaret of Scotland

Margaret was a Saxon princess who had to escape to Scotland to get away from the Norman, William the Conqueror when he invaded England.

She was such a good and gentle queen of Scotland that she became known as 'The Pearl of Scotland'.

She died at Edinburgh Castle in 1093 just days after hearing of her husband's death in battle.

Her feastday is November 16th.

## St Elizabeth of Hungary

St Elizabeth lived in the 13th Century. She was the daughter of the King of Hungary.

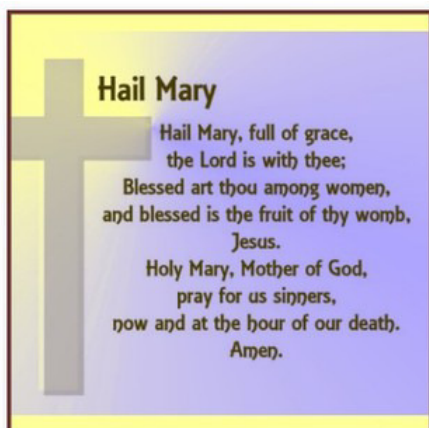
She married and had three children. All her life she was a very pious woman who devoted herself to helping those less fortunate than herself.

When her husband died, Elizabeth became a Franciscan sister. She built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick until her death at the age of 24 in 1231.

Her Feastday is November 17th and she is patron saint of the homeless, nursing staff, widows and young brides.



## The Presentation of Mary



We remember this day on November 21st. This was when Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, took Mary to the Temple to dedicate her life to God.

God had already chosen Mary to be the mother of Jesus but this day reminds us that we all have an invitation to do what God wants us to do.