St. Eligius

St. Eligius, a metalworker born in France circa 590, was the "master of mint" under King Clotaire II. As Eligius became famous for his work, he also became rich. He generously helped the poor, and he built churches and a monastery. Eligius was ordained a priest circa 640 and later became a bishop. He converted many people before his death circa 660. St. Eligius is patron saint of metalworkers.