

*Saint Mary*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord



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# NO TIME FOR RELATIVISM AND INDIFFERENCE

Merry Christmas and Blessed Epiphany!

As we reflect on today's Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12) we realize that the pursuit of truth requires sacrifice. The magi come "from the East." Scholars debate about the background of the magi. However, we do know that they were gentiles (non-Jews) who travelled a long distance in order to come to Bethlehem and honor the newborn king of the Jews.

Today we live in a culture dominated by relativism ("what is true for you is true for you; what is true for me is true for me") and indifferentism ("it does not really matter what a person believes about God or anything else"). The magi, however, are a witness to the fact that the human person is meant to search for the truth. They were not content with the world that they lived in. They were not content with their limited experience. They heard stories about the Jews awaiting a Messiah king. They may have even been familiar with the Jewish prophesy that a star would accompany his birth (see Numbers 24:17). They felt compelled to go see the newborn king. They endured a long journey to do so. When they

found him, they did him homage and gave him gifts.

This is exactly what we do at Mass. we travel throughout our week contemplating God's presence. We long to see him. Finally, on Sunday, we come to present our gifts to God: our joys, praise, sorrows, crosses, work, intentions, questions, all of it. While we do not bow down prostrate before the Christ child, we do kneel in humble adoration before Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We worship. We need to search for the truth and worship the one true God and savior of the human race. It matters.

I hope that everyone had fine celebrations of Christmas. I will be away on vacation from January 2nd through the 12th. Know of my prayers for all of you. God bless!



*Fr. DiTomo*

## GIVING TREE 2021

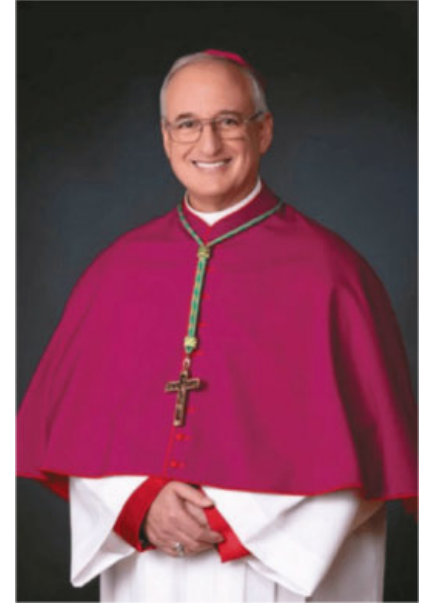
For the second year in a row the Giving Tree took on a very different look because of the COVID 19 Pandemic, but the outcome was every bit as wonderful as it was in years past. Due to the unbelievable generosity of the parishioners, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help hundreds of people in need in our community in addition to the four organizations we have helped in the past. Those organizations are Options and Advocacy, who helps disabled children; Turning Point, who works with victims of domestic violence; Informed Choices, who helps women dealing with pregnancy; and Grafton Township, who works with people in need in our township. As these gift cards were given out there were literally tears of joy. How wonderful it is to see the spirit of Christmas live on through the generous hearts of our parishioners. A heartfelt thanks from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to all who helped make this possible.





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION! THE EUCHARIST: THE ANSWER TO LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

Bishop Bob  
Lombardo from  
Mission of Our  
Lady of the



Angels in Chicago will lead us Sunday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, then Sr. Stephanie from the Mission will continue on Monday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and on Tuesday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will wrap it all up from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Each evening we will have the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship!

## THE CREED

A SMART, SERIOUS EXPLANATION OF CHRISTIANITY FOR SKEPTICS, SEEKERS, AND NONBELIEVERS!



Please join Deacon Chris Lincoln and Deacon Jim Conrey as they embark on a 6 week study of the CREED. We will have 3 different opportunities a week that you can participate in the same class. You can choose to attend Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, or Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. The study begins the week of

January 11<sup>th</sup> and runs consecutively thru the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>.

No cost to attend but, please register with Shirley Allen at [sallen@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:sallen@stmaryhuntley.org) or (224) 654-8596 or go to St. Mary's website and follow the link.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, January 3, Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 AM ✕ Kathy Monteleone; Maria & Anton Zeisel

**Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:00 AM ✕ Kelly Marie Snay & Special Intention of Cora DeCastro; Mel & Judith Wojtynek

12:00 PM ✕ Mary Singer; Solveig Ann Lucas

**Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop**

8:00 AM ✕ Stella Wolf; Special Intention of Aiden Stoker

12:00 PM ✕ Special Intention of James Eggers; Special Intention of Kathy O'Shea

**Thursday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:00 AM ✕ Thaddeus & Delia O'Malley; Dottie Kowalski

12:00 PM ✕ Sue Von Esh & John Knauss; Shirley Winters

**Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

8:00 AM ✕ Living & Deceased Members of the Edgar Hopgood Family; Living & Deceased Members of the Sasis, DeCastro & Monzon Families

**Saturday, January 8**

8:00 AM ✕ Carol Garino; Special Intention of Mary Parkinson

5:00 PM ✕ Richard Wermich; Mary Kay Palzkill

**Sunday, January 9, BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

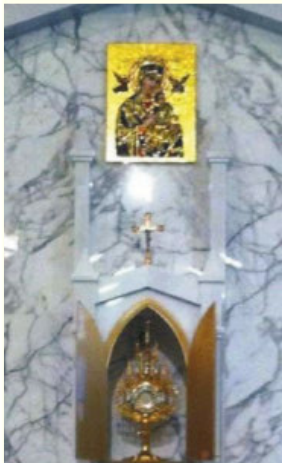
7:30 AM ✕ Judy Moroni; Deborah Nastek Gulik

9:00 AM ✕ Frank Vacaro; Daniella Assam

10:30 AM ✕ Krysztof Cichon; Maria Garza

12:00 PM ✕ Miguel Pena; Nila Wipf

5:00 PM ✕ The People of St. Mary Parish



The candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week

In Memory of Mary Mendralla,  
For the Special Intention of Claudia Dorsch,

For the Special Intention of Remedios Pesina;  
And For the Special Intention of Claudia Dorsch.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note:  
The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 3rd in observance of New Year's Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th, at 8:30 AM.



## PRIEST CELEBRANT

*\*\*Subject to change without notice\*\**

Saturday, Jan. 8	5:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik
Sunday, Jan. 9	7:30 AM—Fr. Koutnik
	9:00 AM—Fr. Koutnik
	10:30 AM—Fr. Paril
	12:00 PM—Fr. Paril
	5:00 PM—Fr. Paril



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle is burning this week For Sue Von Esh & John Knauss.

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

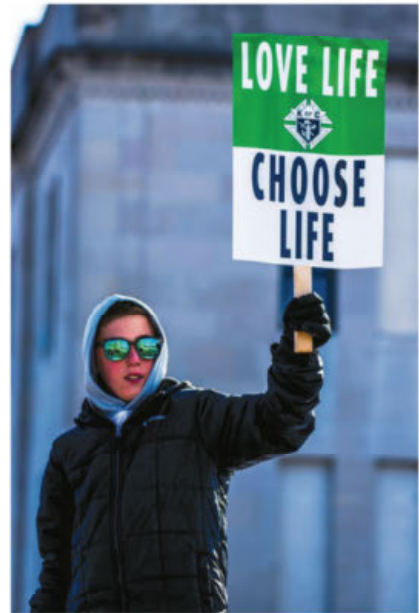
Eternal rest grant unto Tony Dugo, Jack Tures, John Diebold, Bob Collins, Ronald Jones, Peter Eberle, Roy Schnur, and all our deceased family members and loved ones.



DEFEND THE UNBORN

# ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2022 • 11 AM



ROCKFORD FEDERAL COURTHOUSE  
237 S. CHURCH ST, ROCKFORD, IL

**PROLIFEROCKFORD.COM**

The Respect Life ministry will be carpooling to this event. Families are welcome to participate again! RSVP is necessary for traveling with the church. We will provide signs and hot chocolate. We will meet at 9:30 AM following the morning Mass. Please contact Melissa at [Melisanchz@gmail.com](mailto:Melisanchz@gmail.com) to RSVP. Free will donations are appreciated.

# The Seventh Commandment

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

—CCC, NOS. 2401-2463



THE GOOD THIEF NEXT TO CHRIST CRUCIFIED

## Respect People and Their Possessions

*"The seventh Commandment forbids theft. Theft is the usurpation of another's goods against the reasonable will of the owner. . . . Every manner of taking and using another's property unjustly is contrary to the seventh commandment. The injustice committed requires reparation. Commutative justice requires the restitution of stolen goods."*

—CCC, nos. 2453-2454

The Seventh Commandment forbids stealing or theft, which involves taking someone's money or property "against the reasonable will of the owner." Theft includes not only robbery but also actions such as embezzlement, computer theft, counterfeit money, fraud, identity theft, copyright violations (including pirating things such as music or computer software), and mail scams.

To keep this Commandment, we need to acquire the virtues of moderation in our possessions, justice in our treatment of others, respect for their human dignity, and solidarity with all peoples. Moderation curbs our attachment to worldly goods and restrains our appetite for consumerism. Justice helps us respect our neighbor's rights and be interested in their human well-being. Solidarity opens our hearts to identifying with the whole human family, reminding us of our common humanity.

We should not steal from each other, pay unfair salaries, cheat in business, or exploit people's weaknesses to make money. Promises should be kept and contracts honored to the extent that the issues are morally just (cf. CCC, no. 2410). We need to safeguard property rights, pay our debts, and fulfill obligations freely incurred. The government has the right and duty to safeguard legitimate ownership of money and property and to protect people from robbery and injury.



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Catechetical Corner



# THAT MAN IS YOU RETURNS JAN. 29

If you want to become a better Catholic man and grow closer to

Christ in 2022, join us for That Man Is You (TMIY). We're a group of about 70 men who gather on Saturday mornings for food, fellowship and faith. Our spring semester starts at 6:00 AM, Saturday, January 29th in the Parish Hall. (A Monday evening session will be offered online.) If you'll be coming to TMIY for the first time (or the first time in a while), please register at [tinyurl.com/HuntleyTMIY](http://tinyurl.com/HuntleyTMIY). Questions? Contact Marc Roth at [siberhusky7@gmail.com](mailto:siberhusky7@gmail.com)

## THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION

Tuesday, January 4th, 6:00 PM

Jesus promised, among many other blessings, that honoring His Holy Face through this devotion offers:

- The **Conversion** of many sinners and mercy granted to their souls disfigured by sin, and,
- **Reparation** for outrages against the Majesty of God – Communism, Atheism, cursing, desecration of Sundays and Holy Days and other grave insults.



The Holy Face devotion began when Jesus revealed Himself to Sister Mary of St. Peter, a French Carmelite, in 1845. In one of His many revelations to her, He said this of His Holy Face:

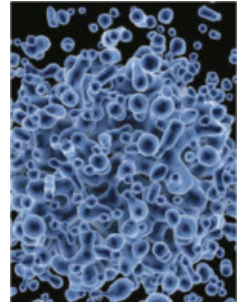
***“Offer It unceasingly to My Father for the salvation of your country”.***

Our own image of the Holy Face, which will be on display, has been pressed to the traveling relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, a relic verified by the Vatican as having been touched to Veronica’s Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the spear that pierced Christ’s side.

This was a favorite devotion of St. Theresa, the Little Flower. She said that the suffering, wounded Face of her dear Jesus was the foundation of all her piety.

St Mary Youth Ministry Presents

## “ARE YOU MY MOTHER? THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENCE AND FAITH”



Friday, January 14th, 6:30-7:30 PM, St. Mary Parish Hall

With Lisa Tambellini. Have you ever wondered why science and faith are at odds? The truth is that they are NOT! Learn about the REAL history between science and faith and how your faith can advance science.

Lisa began her work in biological research at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She completed graduate school at Northwestern University where she studied Cell and Molecular Biology Her experience in biomedical research includes studying placental proteins, circadian rhythm genes, mechanisms of disease in the eye and digestive tract and GnRH neurons. Lisa Tambellini is currently teaching Biology and Bioethics courses at McHenry County College and is a parishioner at St. Peter Catholic Church in Volo, IL.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 7th, 8:30 AM

Please join us on the First Friday of each month for Adoration and Benediction after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Console the Heart of Jesus with observance of First Fridays and see the effects in your prayer life. Join us!





## Seasons of Hope

A Christ centered bereavement group.

Next session will meet:

January 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18

At 9:00 AM in room 110.

To register or for any questions please contact:

Mary Lou at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117  
or [mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org)

## ALTAR FLOWER INTENTIONS

The flowers next to the Tabernacle can be sponsored for a week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. To sign up, please stop by the parish office or call to arrange. Arrangements are \$50 each, or \$100 for the entire weekend. Your person or event will be listed in the bulletin.

The following dates are available for 2022:

February 5-6, 19-20; May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; June 4-5, 25-26; July 9-10, 16-17, 23-24; August 7-8, 13-14, 20-21; 27-28, September 3-4, 17-18, 24-25; October 1-2, 8-9, 29-30; November 5-6, 12-13, 19-20; December 10-11.



## FOREVER YOUNG SENIOR CLUB

Wednesday, January 5th,  
1:00 PM

Attention all Seniors and anyone else interested!

You are invited to join us

on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall for a presentation by Lt. Kelly Gitzke of the Huntley Fire Protection District on Mobile Integrated Health. Come learn about what this is and the role it is playing here in Huntley.

For more information please contact Mary Lou at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117 or [mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org)



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

Saturday, January 8th, 9:30 AM

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 8th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the St. Elizabeth Room. Our prayer shawls are given to those of all ages who are seriously ill, hospitalized, homebound or grieving. We welcome new members who knit or crochet to join our ministry. We accept new yarn (only full skeins, no partials) that is washable, such as Red Heart or Bernat 4-ply.

Donations are also appreciated to help with our supplies. If you need more information or would like to request a prayer shawl for a family member or loved one, please contact Kathy at (847) 361-9555 or [rkwojo10@yahoo.com](mailto:rkwojo10@yahoo.com)





**STAY INFORMED ABOUT CURRENT PARISH NEWS!**

Just text the word HUNTLEY to 84576 and fill in your name. Or sign up online at [stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com](http://stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com).

*If you think you should be receiving our flocknotes, and you are NOT, then simply add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your contact list for your email provider. (Also, make sure to check your spam / clutter file.)*

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you know someone in need of assistance, please refer them to our confidential phone number (224) 569-2100.

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**WATCH US ON YOUTUBE!**



**St. Mary is now live on YouTube!**

Go to YouTube.com and type "St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley" in the search bar to find our YouTube channel.

**LIVE STREAM MASS TIME**

We livestream the 9:00 AM Sunday morning Mass. Visit our YouTube channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley to watch the Mass live or you can view the recorded version any time later.

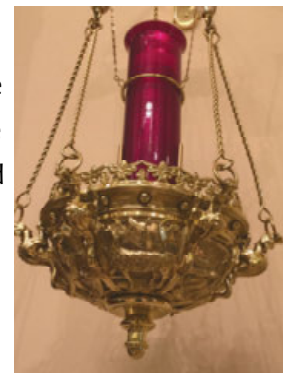
**ADORERS NEEDED**

Listed to the right in red are the days and times when adorers are needed in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration Chapel. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Lincoln at (847) 257-6242 or [dclnlincoln@gmail.com](mailto:dclnlincoln@gmail.com) or Mary Lou Manion at [mmanion@Stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@Stmaryhuntley.org) or (847) 669-3137, x117.

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**

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## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

### WAITING FOR CHRIST: MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

By St. John Henry Newman

Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with him through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

### THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS: THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE SEASON

By Dr. Michael Barber

This book is for people who want to deepen their experience of the Christmas season. To find our way "home" at Christmas, we first need to return to the description of Jesus' birth of the Bible. Only by carefully reflecting on the accounts of Jesus' nativity can we hope to celebrate Christmas and the real joy in its promises. Dr. Barber also explores the development of Christmas traditions such as "How St. Nicholas became Santa Claus, Why celebrate on Dec. 25."



Visit the kiosk in the narthex for these books (\$5 each). After reading, please do not return books to the kiosk—pass it on and share our faith. For assistance or more information, please contact Terry at (847)651-0422.



To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for two (2) months. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, we ask that you call the parish office again to renew the listing.

✘ Frank Ardito ✘ Kelly & Jake Barna ✘ Simona Birdsell ✘ Katherine Birkner ✘ Paul Bjerkos ✘ Craig & Chris Boggs ✘ Lana Book ✘ Jack Browne ✘ Marti Casalino ✘ Bill Champine ✘ Phil & Vince Claps ✘ Rick Conquest ✘ Patty Creager ✘ Linda Cunningham ✘ Cam Curtis ✘ Barbara & John Curzon ✘ Maria Cybolski ✘ Raymond Dempsey ✘ Ally Diorio ✘ James Fischer ✘ Claudine Gerbel ✘ Norma Hartsock ✘ Maddie Helm ✘ Kathleen Hennelly ✘ Charlene Hogan ✘ Martin Hudik ✘ Lucy Irizzary ✘ Andrew Jean ✘ Laury Karwoski ✘ Laurie Kastning ✘ John Keck ✘ Pat Kellerman ✘ Elaine Kelly ✘ Robert Kinder ✘ Delaney Kinstner ✘ Law Family ✘ Shelly Lentine ✘ Barbara Link ✘ Dan Lorz ✘ Alyssa Mandarino ✘ Nico Manzo ✘ Victor & Eileen Mieszala ✘ Yolanda Moreno ✘ Joey Mueller ✘ Mike Mulcahy ✘ Peggy Murphy ✘ Gina O'Connor ✘ Tony Paladino ✘ John Panko ✘ Tina & Tony Pollastrini ✘ Frank & Eileen Poppo ✘ Salvatore & Ricky Portiera ✘ Ray Pozdol ✘ Larry Prange ✘ Robert Rollings ✘ Fr. Richard Ross ✘ Casey Ryan ✘ Lola Schneiderman ✘ Pat Sharpitis ✘ Tom & Sharon Sible ✘ Gail Sleeting ✘ Jacob Sonnefelt ✘ Ella Steel ✘ Dianne Steinhoff ✘ Bill Taylor ✘ John Taylor ✘ Pat Tomalis ✘ Donald Triebold ✘ Ameerah Walker ✘ Lucille Walsh ✘ Robert Wise ✘

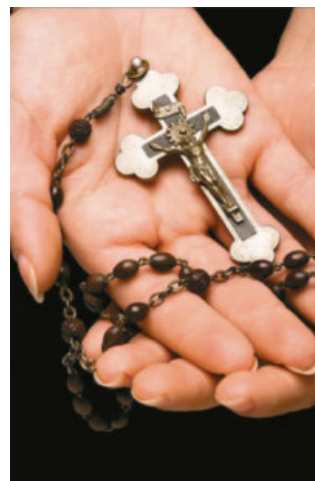
Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, and all our "First Responders"—those in the police, fire fighters, and paramedics/EMTs.

## BLESSING RELIGIOUS ITEMS

### Mondays following the 8:00 AM Mass

Due to the many requests to bless items, we will now be blessing items on MONDAYS ONLY.

Please bring your items after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you cannot make it on



Monday, you may drop your item off at the parish office any time of the week prior to Mondays and your item will be blessed along with the other items and you can pick your item up later that day.

## KNIGHTS CORNER

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 AM to noon, at Northwestern Medicine Health and Fitness Center, 10450 Algonquin Road, in Huntley. The event is free. Winners on January 8 will have the opportunity to advance to district- and state-level competitions. For more information, contact [ftc@huntleyknights.org](mailto:ftc@huntleyknights.org) or call (847) 946-6911.



**CHARITY MANIA IS BACK!** How would you like a chance to win some money and help our parish at the same time?



For \$10, you can join the FootballMania SuperMatch and have a chance to win \$10,000. The SuperMatch is a Super Bowl pool

where winners are determined by the score at the end of each quarter. Use the following link to buy tickets -- and share the links with family, friends and co-workers: <https://www.charitymania.com/give/rcooe>. Are you a hockey fan? HockeyMania tickets are available for \$20, and cover a 15-week season. Here is the link for HockeyMania: <https://www.charitymania.com/give/hco117>. Proceeds from all CharityMania sales are used by the Knights for the benefit of St. Mary parish.

**JOIN US:** Want to become a Knight? Are you a Knight who hasn't been involved for a while? We welcome you with open arms. Please contact Membership Director Greg Windbiel at (224) 805-9637 or [Real150guy@yahoo.com](mailto:Real150guy@yahoo.com).



## PIETRA FITNESS FOR WOMEN

A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer.



Pietra (meaning "rock" in Italian) is a word that reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when building anything that is to have strength, stability, and longevity. At Pietra Fitness, our "whole person" workouts are built

upon this concept. We utilize physical exercise to promote core strength as a solid physical foundation. For the soul, our workouts include prayer and meditations. This powerful combination truly benefits the entire human person.

**Dates are: January 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st.**

**Time is 9:00 to 10:00 AM.**

You will need to register in advance. For class you will need a mat and towel. Please contact Ann, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at (630) 337-6203 to register.

## CONFESSION TIMES OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

**Tuesdays,**

**6:00-6:30 PM**

**Wednesdays,**

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Saturdays,**

**8:30-9:00 AM**

**and 3:30-4:30 PM**

## NEW IN THE PARISH?

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 669-3137 and we can register you right over the phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## “CHALKING THE DOORS” HOUSE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

Next Sunday, January 2nd, is Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day). This day marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 22.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar— who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “22” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. This prayer may be prayed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often, the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling.

### PRAYER:

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, “Amen.”*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with

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his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

**R/.** Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

From: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/files/resources/house-blessing-for-the-epiphany.pdf>

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## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM—MASS

5:00 PM—EDGE

6:45 PM—EDGE

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 AM—MASS

12:00 Noon—MASS

6:00-6:30 PM—

Confessions

6:00 PM—Holy Face of

Jesus Devotion

6:45 PM—Webelos Den

7:00 PM—K of C Officers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 AM—MASS

9:00 AM—Pietra

11:00 AM-12:00 Noon—

Confessions

12:00 Noon—MASS

1:00 PM—Forever Young

Senior Club

1:00 PM—St. Vincent de

Paul Society

6:30 PM—Lion Den

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM—MASS

8:30 AM—MMP

12:00 Noon—MASS

6:30 PM—RCIA/Catholicism

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6:45 PM—Wolf Den 6

7:00 PM—Alcoholics

Anonymous

7:15 PM—Adult Choir

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM—MASS

9:00 AM—Pietra Fitness

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM—MASS

8:30-9:00 AM—

Confessions

8:30 AM—Al-Anon

8:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary

9:30 AM—Prayer Shawl

Meeting

10:00 AM—MFM 3rd Order

11:00 AM—Cub Scouts

2:30 PM—AHG Awards

3:30-4:30 PM—

Confessions

5:00 PM—MASS

6:00 PM—Choir Christmas

Party

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

MASS AT: 7:30 AM, 9:00

AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, &

5:00 PM

9:00 AM—Child care during

Mass

10:30 AM—Child care during

Mass

1:00 PM—Life Night

1:30 PM—Baptismal

Preparation Class

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