January 9, 2022 | The Baptism of the Lord

Church of the Epiphany

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:15pm Sunday, 8:30am and 11:00am

Daily Masses Tuesday-Friday, 9:30am

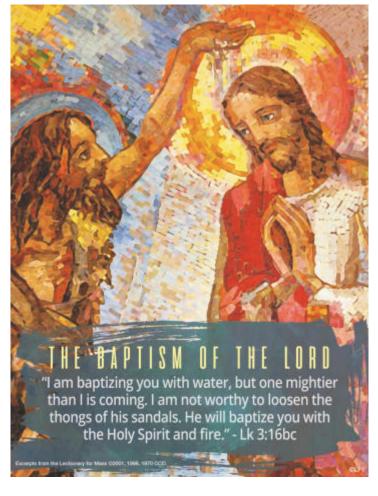
Reconciliation Saturday, 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Friday, 10:00 - 7:00pm

Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Parish Staff

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This Week At Epiphany...

- Happy Feast of the Epiphany!
- Epiphany Baby Shower for Mary
- Blood Drive Mon. Jan. 3
- Mom's Morning Out

Looking ahead...

• Illuminate Retreat for high school teens



WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing Church of the Epiphany as your place of worship today. There are many opportunities to become involved in one or more of our parish ministries. Please visit our website, **EpiphanyChurch.org**, to discover all the ways you can become part of our community. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

New Parishioner Registration



New parishioner registration forms, as well as registration forms for elementary, middle school and high school religious education classes can be found on our website and in the parish office. Please contact us if you have questions.

Viewing Masses Online



We offer a virtual livestream of our daily Mass on Friday, as well as Sunday and Holy Day Masses, on our Facebook page. Visit our website for the viewing link or scan the QR Code.

Join our Flocknote Email Community



We send weekly emails to keep you updated on events at our parish, outreach opportunities, etc. We also notify you about emergency closings due to severe weather, power outages, or etc. Visit our website or scan the QR code to sign up.

Offertory Giving Online



Use the QR Code, OR

Visit EpiphanyChurch.WeShareOnline.org

 \Rightarrow Click on any collection.

- \Rightarrow Select your donation amount and frequency.
- Enter your account and payment information. \Rightarrow
- It's simple, safe and convenient. \Rightarrow

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9 | The Baptism of the Lord

Fair Trade Coffe	ee and Chocolate Sales
8:30 am	Sunday Mass NO CHILD CARE
9:45 am	Elementary RE Classes Classrooms
11:00 am	Sunday Mass Streamed Live NO CHILD CARE
3:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Council 6189 Rm 122
6:00 pm	Life Teen Centrum
Monday, Janua	
10:00 am	Art and Environment Minor Worship Chapel
	WINGS Rm 122
3:00 pm	Men's Cursillo Prayer Group Rm 117
6:00 pm	Edge Centrum
	Elementary RE Classes Virtual
	Purpose Rm 122
7:00 pm	Human Concerns Ministry Rm AB
Tuesday, Janua	ary 11
9:00 am	Rosary Minor Worship Chapel
9:30 am	Daily Mass Centrum
10:00 am	Epiphany Ringers Centrum
	Padre Pio Prayer Group Rm 122
7:30 pm	NA Meeting Rm 122
Wednesday, Ja	nuary 12
9:00 am	Rosary Minor Worship Chapel
9:30 am	Daily Mass Centrum
10:00 am	Praying Hands Rm AB
4:00 pm	Book Study Rm 122
6:30 pm	Cursillo Prayer Group Parish Library
7:00 pm	GIFTS Rm 122
Thursday, Janı	-
9:00 am	Rosary Minor Worship Chapel
9:30 am	Daily Mass Centrum
10:00 am	Church Ladies Bible Study Rm 122
6:30 pm	Women's AA Meeting Rm 116
Friday, January	
9:00 am	Rosary Minor Worship Chapel
9:30 am	Daily Mass Centrum
10:30 am	Mom's Morning Out Rm 109
10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Centrum
Saturday, Janu	-
8:30 am	Men's Cursillo Prayer Group Rm AB
9:30 am	Illuminate Youth Retreat Rm 122
3:30 pm	Reconciliation Minor Worship Chapel
5:15 pm	Vigil Mass Centrum
	ry 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Sunday Mass NO CHILD CARE
9:30 am	Illuminate Youth Retreat Rm 122
9:45 am	Elementary RE Classes Classrooms
11:00 am	Sunday Mass Streamed Live NO CHILD CARE

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - JOURNEYING TOGETHER

The Pope is inviting all parishes in the world to participate in a Synod and Epiphany is excited to be included in this process. A Synod is a gathering of people, beginning at the parish level, called to listen to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to "journey together" and discern God's will for the whole Church.

Staff members are working diligently to implement this process and present it to you. Check our bulletin and weekly emails to see, when you will be invited to participate in this synod process.

LITURGY

Daily Rosary

Every Weekday | 9:00 am | Minor Worship Chapel

Praying is a powerful act that lets us develop and strengthen our relationship with God, and the Rosary offers the same beautiful reward. This new year, make some time in your schedule for praying the Rosary with us. All are welcome.

Altar Linens

Laurie Weeda | LWeeda@epiphanychurch.org | 804-794-0222

Help is needed with cleaning the linens used during Mass. You would be scheduled, approximately one time per month, to wash, dry and iron the linens. Current team members will help you with instructions.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Feast of the Epiphany "Baby Shower for Mary"

Today is the last day to drop off gifts!

To celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, you are invited to participate in an outreach to the newborns whose parents are clients of the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Note: All donations must be NEW. Baby lotion, shampoo, body wash, Vaseline, baby mittens, gowns, grooming kit (nail clippers/brush & comb set), onesies (0-3, 3-6 months), receiving blankets (please no crochet), sleepers (0-24 months), winter clothing (up to 24 months), winter outerwear (up to 18 months), baby shoes (infant – size 4 toddler), bottles – 4 & 8 oz, towels & washcloths, laundry baskets (for making layettes).

OUTREACH

Human Concerns Ministry Meeting

Monday, January 10, 7:00 pm, Room AB

If you are new to the parish, or have been here awhile, you are invited to attend this meeting to discuss current outreach ministries and consider new ones. Please join us.

CARITAS Meal for January

Maureen Martin | mdm88@comcast.net

Thank you for your continued support of CARITAS. This month, with colder weather, we will provide a filling spaghetti bake dinner for 120 male residents of **The Healing Place** and for male guests in the emergency shelter program. Please use the use the QR code or visit our website to sign up for dinner donations.

All items should be delivered to the Epiphany kitchen by 4:00pm Thursday, January 20. We will soon be able to add "meal serving" to our requested Signups as CARITAS welcomes volunteers back to their facilities. Watch for this next month!

Prior Offenders Returning to Society

Laurie Weeda | LWeeda@epiphanychurch.org | 804-794-0222

Returning to our communities following a stay in prison is fraught with challenges. People are often barred from jobs and housing due to criminal records. Many have alienated friends and family, or perhaps no longer have living relatives. They often have no money. Maneuvering the use of a cell phone or the internet may be absolutely foreign. After having no choice and no freedom while imprisoned, they must suddenly make decisions about everything, including things they know nothing about. If young when initially incarcerated, they may have no real understanding about financial management. We are considering a developing a re-entry program here at Epiphany. Would you be interested in helping us? We all know it takes a village to do many things in life. As Christ did, let us reach to the margins of society.

Communion Ministry to the Sick

Laurie Weeda | LWeeda@epiphanychurch.org | 804-794-0222

Do you, or someone you know, wish to receive a Communion visit? Please contact Laurie so that arrangements may be made.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair	Theresa Sheffler	897-3347
Member at-Large	Denis Klisz	276-9409
Member at-Large	Fred Landon	378-3326
FINANCIAL UPDATE	July 2021 - Jur	ne 2022 Fiscal Year
Sunday Collections, Year	r-to-Date Actual	\$572,514
Sunday Collections, Year	r-to-Date Budget\$554	4,660
Variance	\$1	7,854
Christmas	\$15,862	
Sunday, Dec 26	\$27,879	

Outreach for January

Food donations and personal care items for January will benefit **Sacred Heart Center. No clothing or shoes please**. Suggested food items include rice, dried beans, Maseca flour, Similac with the blue or orange top, diapers in size 4 – 6, snacks for small children, sugar, powdered milk, and cooking oils. Other items include dish detergent, personal hygiene items, shampoo, soaps, toiletries, and paper grocery bags.

St. Francis Home items include disposable face masks, medium latex gloves, new pairs of socks, coloring books and pencils, paint brushes and acrylic paints, construction paper, pullup underwear (all sizes), alcohol-based hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes & Lysol spray, bottled water, paper towels, denture cleaner & adhesive, and individually wrapped snacks.

Rise Against Hunger

Save the date. On March 5 Epiphany will "pack a pallet" of meals. Watch the bulletin for more details. Learn more about RAH here. <u>https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/</u>

FORMATION

Elementary Classes

Tracy Brookmire | tbrookmire@epiphanychurch.org Laura Miller | lmiller@epiphanychurch.org

Classes resume this week!

Sunday | 9:45-10:45 | In person Monday | 6:00-6:30 | Virtual

Life Teen and Edge Classes

Maggie Curtis | mcurtis@epiphanychurch.org Laura Miller | lmiller@epiphanychurch.org

Edge | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Jan 10, 24, 31 | Feb 14, 21, 28 | Mar 14, 21, 28 | Apr 11, 25

Life Teen | 6:00 - 7:30pm Jan 9, 23, 30 | Feb 20, 27 | Mar 6, 20, 27 | Apr 3, 24

Nursery Coordinator Needed

Tracy Brookmire | tbrookmire@epiphanychurch.org

Epiphany is currently looking for an adult Nursery Coordinator. Hours are Sundays 8:15-12:15 and pay is \$12/ hour. For more information or to apply, contact Tracy Brookmire at tbrookmire@epiphanychurch.org. Our nursery will resume once we have a coordinator.

Illuminate Retreat: Focal Point

Saturday, January 15th & Sunday, January 16th Maggie Curtis | mcurtis@epiphanychurch.org

Epiphany high schoolers (9th-12th grade) are invited to our Illuminate Retreat! Our theme will be "Focal Point," and we will be focusing on rediscovering the joy of the Lord! How can we find joy right now in our current culture? On this retreat, we will explore how joy drastically differs from happiness, what it means to be joyful in times of suffering, and the many ways that Christ and the Church invite us to experience deep, lasting joy. Contact Maggie to sign-up. We hope your teen can join us for this retreat!

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

Monday, January 10 | 10:00 am | Rm 122

Our Theme this year is **Walking in Faith**. Please our website to register. Women are welcome to join us at any time. You may register on the Epiphany website, just click Home and then Forms. Or join us as a guest. Contact Leslie Moore at 804-745-0043 for more information.

Jan 10th - Ann Doll - Faith during medical crisis Jan 24th - Fr. Brian Capuano -The Most Holy Eucharist Feb 7th - Speaker from War Memorial on The 4 Chaplains Feb 28th – Scott Fisher on Spiritual Direction March 21st – Lisa Gorton -Walking in Faith April 4th - John Smatlak – Faith Traditions April 25th - Barbara Hughes - Mary the Perfect Contemplative May 9th - Brunch

Epiphany's Mom's Morning Out

Friday, January 7 | 10:30-12:00 | Rm 109 Nursery Elizabeth O'Meara | elizomeara@gmail.com

Join us on the first Friday of each month as we fellowship and support each other with some time in Adoration. All are welcome! Contact Elizabeth for details.



RCIA | Come Follow Me

Tracy Brookmire | tbrookmire@epiphanychurch.org

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic, or receiving Sacraments missed along the way? Our RCIA – Come Follow Me ministry meets once a month and we discuss a variety of topics related to the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 11

Join the Padre Pio prayer group on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Begin with the Rosary at 9 am, followed by Mass at 9:30 am, Adoration at 10:00 am, and a meeting from 10:30—11:30 am in Room 122.

FORMED

Formed.org

Epiphany parishioners are encouraged to check out the **Formed** website for a large variety of Catholic resources. They have studies, movies, and books for all ages and interest levels. To login and set up an account:

- 1) Select Sign Up
- 2) Select Sign Up as a Parishioner
- 3) Enter zip code 23236 to Find Your Parish.
- 4) Follow the prompts to set up your new account.

ART NOTES

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Hanging in the Commons, just outside the entrance to Minor Worship, is "The Baptism of Jesus". This small painting on tile is by contemporary artist Mario Franchi of Assisi, Italy. This piece portrays Christ standing in the Jordan River while His cousin, Saint John the Baptist, pours water on His head. Several onlookers witness this event, including shepherds watching over their sheep. Today's Gospel reading from Saint Luke describes the Baptism of Jesus by John.

LEGACY GIVING

EpiphanyChurch.org/Legacy

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship: saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others. Visit the link above or scan the QR code for a helpful Guide to Legacy Giving. To learn more about leaving a legacy gift to Church of the Epiphany, please call the parish office: (804) 794-0222.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Adult Formation Opportunity!

https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/

The University of Dayton offers online classes that parishioners in our diocese can take for only \$50. New classes are beginning on Jan 17, 2022 covering a variety of interesting faith related topics. Visit the link above for a list of classes and give one a try!

St. Francis Home Benefit Dinner

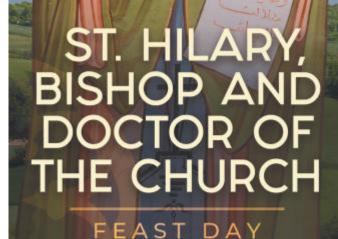
http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SFHBenefitDinner

Saint Francis Home is the only remaining faith-based assisted living community in the Richmond area that is dedicated to exclusively serving older adults of limited means. St. Francis Home will be hosting a benefit dinner on January 27, 2022 to raise funds that provide support for Richmond's low-income elderly. For details: contact Christy Heinen at cheinen@SaintFrancishome.org or 804-237-5602.

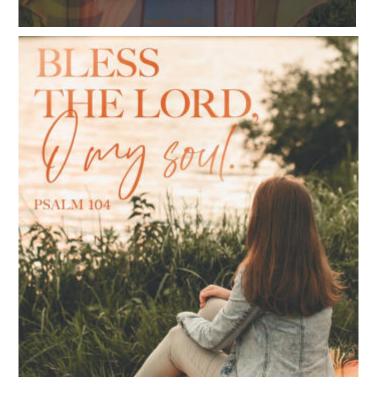
Defending Life Advocacy Day

January 9

On this day, Virginians will come together in Richmond for prayer led by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout. and meet with legislators to urge them to defend life. Our goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth, and we need you. Talking points, legislative updates, and tips for effective advocacy will be provided to make your constituent meetings easy and successful. Visit VAProLifeDay.org to sign up and learn more!



JANUARY 1



REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

We pray for those who serve to our country, especially Noah Broussard, Jonathan Burrill, Chris Canty, Daniel Claytor, Victoria Diesel, Andrew Gazzillo, Evan Hasforth, Kyle Hasforth, Danny Ray Hernandez, Brandon Hogge, Tyler Hogge, Alexander Huang, Eric Hughes, Brian Hughes, Jason Hundley, Taylor Hunter, Conner Johnson, Brendan Jones, Anthony Kontoleon, Olivia Long, Tucker Martin, Daniel Meybin, Matthew Olsen, Michael Olsen, Jonathan Pavell, Mary Ellen Payne, David Perez, Krista Roth, Daniel Rubin, Jordan Snyder, Thomas Tombes, and David Webster.

We pray for those who are sick, especially Michael Albensi, Dawn Anderson, Efran Bernal, Joyce Binns, Debbi Butler Blue, Loretta Boyce, Carol Boyd, Vivian Burgess, Dan Burrill, Elena Carrazan, Fred Carreras, Dan Collier, Frankie Connelly, Riley Conron, Eleanor Crostic, Dennis Diersen, Adaline Dziedzic, Ellie Dufilho, Jeanette Dufilho, Frank Erdelyi, Max Finkelstein, Maryjane Fuller, Dolores Groat, Betty Hanifer, Suzanne Hoard, Donald Holtz, Bob Hughes, Tom Kallus, Ginny Kebulsek, Gail Kelly, James Kelly, Sara Kornbrek, Dave LaRue, Christine Lennard, Paula Lewis, Mary Lupini, Mary Macrina, Michael Mathisen, Linda McGowan, Mary McTiernan, Marilyn Niernberger, Bonnie Nunnally, Danny Nunnally, Gene Mrava, Channing Noel, Evan O'Dell, Brandon O'Hara, Kathy O'Hara, Verna O'Malley, Chris Pastore, Lucia Pastore, Deanna Perez, Briana Ragland, Victor Rasheed, Peter Reed, Katie Roussos, Lou Rowe, Barbara Sauer, Betty Savik, R.J. Shashaty, Ashley Shifflet, Dorothy Silakowski, Jane Swistock, John Thomas, John Valsechi, Rita Vidonic, Dee Wallain, Ann Winfield, and Zachary Zervakis.

We pray for those who have died, especially Andras Szakal, husband of Norma Szakal.

And on their anniversary of death, we remember Frances Berkebile, Archie Edwards and Sherry Marquez.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday: Carol Collier † and Leonard Newkirk †

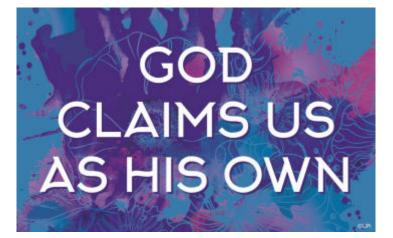
Wednesday: Juanita Walker †

Thursday: Patrick Mooney †

Friday: Archie Edwards †

Prayers Spoken at Mass

To add or remove names from the prayers spoken at Mass, please contact the office. If you are not the person being prayed for, please include your own name. We are grateful for your help in keeping this list up to date.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

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What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



