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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to January 1 ... 4:00 pm
January 8 to April 9 ... 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
January 9 through Easter Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter– September 7 through June 3
Mon - Thurs 9:00 am-12:30 pm, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer - June 6 through September 2
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months
in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

**Mass Intentions and Scripture
Readings for the Week**

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 am **MR. AND MRS. JASON ALLAIN** by
Mom and Dad

†**ANTHONY OCCHINO** by Mike Pizzi and Family

Monday after Epiphany

Reading: 1 John 3:22-4:6

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 am †**ROBERT DEAN WALLACE**

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Reading 1: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15 am **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF**

CHARLES FIALIA

†**JUDITH SHERMAN** by Barnaby Family

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Reading: 1 John 4:11-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 am †**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Thursday after Epiphany

Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:4

Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 am †**FELICITA AND ANIBAL COLLAZO**

by Mr. and Mrs. Bittner

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Reading: 1 John 2:18-21

Gospel: John 1:1-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

3:00 pm †**JOHN NASH**

by Mr. and Mrs. Werschky

4:30 pm †**FRANK MAREN**

by Carol McCormack

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 am **STACY CRETZ** by Laura

9:00 am †**ALBA HIGUEIN** by Joe Bao

10:30 am †**GREGORY HEATH**

by Mr. and Mrs. Werschky

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Parish Office Closed for the Holidays
December 24-27, 31, January 3

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

(January 8/9 to Easter Sunday)

Daily Mass

8:15 AM

Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday)

3:00 PM

4:30 PM

Sunday Morning Mass

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Weekend Reconciliation - Saturday 2:00 PM -2:30 PM

THE CHALKING OF THE DOORS: AN EPIPHANY TRADITION EXPLAINED

The Epiphany house blessing of the door is a great Catholic tradition for families. It's very simple to do, it's not complicated or scary, and you can do it yourself. All you need is a piece of chalk! You can take your piece of chalk to mass with you on the Epiphany and have your priest bless it, or you can bless the chalk yourself. We will show you exactly what to write and how to do the **Epiphany house blessing with chalk**. Keep reading if you want to start this tradition with your family.



What Is the Epiphany House Blessing?

It's a specific blessing for the home that is traditionally done each year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (also known as Three Kings Day or Twelfth Night) that is done on the front door of the

house and uses symbols drawn with blessed chalk. This is called "chalking the door", and is practiced by many Christians including Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and more!

Do I have to have blessed chalk for an Epiphany Blessing?

We will have baskets of blessed chalk out for blessing your home on the Epiphany, January 2nd. The baskets will be located by the entrances.

Who can conduct the Epiphany Door Blessing? Do I need a priest?

You absolutely don't need a priest to do this. Can you imagine our priests driving from home to home on the Epiphany? With the size of our parish, they would need to have the powers of Santa Claus to accomplish this!

Anyone that is the spiritual leader of the family would be a great choice to do this! If the spiritual leader of your family is not present at the time of the blessing, then anyone who makes sense to be the "leader" is a great choice.

Where do I put the chalk symbols?

The "lintel" of the door is where this is the most traditional, which was historically the horizontal piece above the door. This tradition has biblical roots going back

to the story of Moses in the Bible when the Israelites were asked to put the blood of a lamb or goat on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses.

“The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians.” Exodus 12:13

So anywhere around the front door of the home is a great choice! We usually do this at the top of our door on the outside, but I have seen it done anywhere on the door, and on the inside of the home as well.

When do we chalk our home?

Well to say “on the Epiphany” would be simple. Traditionally there are 12 days of Christmas, and then the Epiphany happens on January 6. However, in the United States the date moves to the closest Sunday to January 6, making it this year January 2. You can bless your house on either the day we celebrate the Epiphany, or on the traditional Epiphany, which is January 6. It’s up to you!

How do we do the Epiphany Blessing?

Catholic Culture has some great directions about how to bless your home for the Epiphany, so we are sharing those directions on our church website at www.sfoachurch.com. It does say this blessing is to be performed by a priest or the father of the family, but the spiritual leader of the household is the perfect fit for this, regardless of who it is.

What symbols do I use on the door?

Well, the symbols change each year, but here is the short answer for 2022:

For 2022 this is what you will write on your door in chalk:



20+C+M+B+22

The Epiphany door blessing includes symbols for all three kings, plus the numbers from the current year. The first number “20” is for the first two numbers of the year, and the last number “22” is for the last two numbers of the year. The three letters are the first Initial of each of the kings (**Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar**). The “C, M, B also stands for the Latin blessing **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** which means “May Christ Bless this House”.

God bless you and your house!



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Sunday, January 9

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Center



You can donate blood from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. *Appointments are encouraged, please visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #9797.* All donors receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-Shirt, a \$20 eGift Card, and a FREE pancake breakfast (compliments of the Knights of Columbus)! Plus, a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening!

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – WALK FOR LIFE

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe versus Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest ... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each life, from moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. We envision a world where these moments are celebrated, valued, and protected by everyone.



"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."—U.S. Catholic Bishops

We want to encourage each of you in the Parish, grandparents, parents, children, etc. in solidarity with the walk in Washington, D.C. to witness to the dignity of the human person.



Together, we will pray to our Blessed Mother, Mary, the rosary prayers for every human life, especially the unborn. If you are unable to walk the course, we will also be praying in the Church at the same time.

Join the Parish Catechetical Ministry and the Knights of Columbus #7672 for the **SFOA Walk for Life on January 15th at 11:00 am** with pizza and refreshments served afterwards.

THE ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH BOOK CLUB



FR. DOMINIC GRASSI AND JOE PAPROCKI'S

"LIVING THE MASS"

Thursday, January 6 at 6:00 pm

(First Thursday of Each Month)

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
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Please read Chapters 8, 9, and 10.



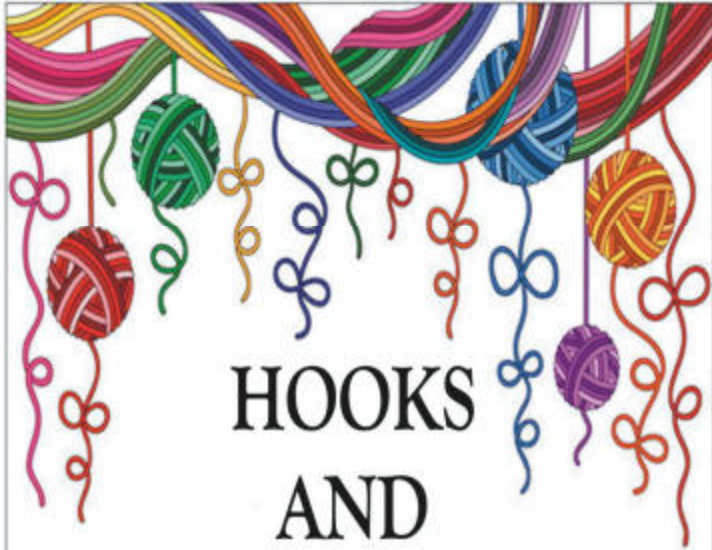
CONFIRMATION



In January, seven high school youth candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are looking to connect each candidate with a prayer partner(s) in our parish, people who will commit to praying for a candidate (or two) through their reception of Confirmation and if possible, attend the Confirmation Mass to show your support. Regular prayer depends on you – weekly, daily, or however often you pray! Your prayers for the candidates preparing for Confirmation can make a significant difference in their life of faith and discipleship. As a parish family at holy Mass, we support one another as “prayer partners” in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with His family.

Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Jan 3			PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVANCE
	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
	6:00pm	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting
Tues Jan 4	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry
	10:00am	12:00pm	Parish Women's Guild Card Party Prep - Parish Center
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
Wed Jan 5	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	11:00am	2:30pm	Parish Women's Guild - January Card Party
	1:30pm	3:00pm	Bible Study with Fr. Marcel
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Jan 6	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks & Needles for Angels - Parish Conference Room
	5:00pm	6:30pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Parish Conference Room
	6:00pm	7:00pm	Parish Book Club - Parish Center
Fri Jan 7	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
Sat Jan 8			The Baptism of the Lord
	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Jan 9	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	8:30am	11:30am	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive - Parish Center
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	2:30pm	Confirmation Preparation - Church and Parish Center



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