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MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30am (Spanish), 11:30am

Daily (Mon-Sat)

9:00am – English

Monday & Wednesday

7:00pm – Spanish

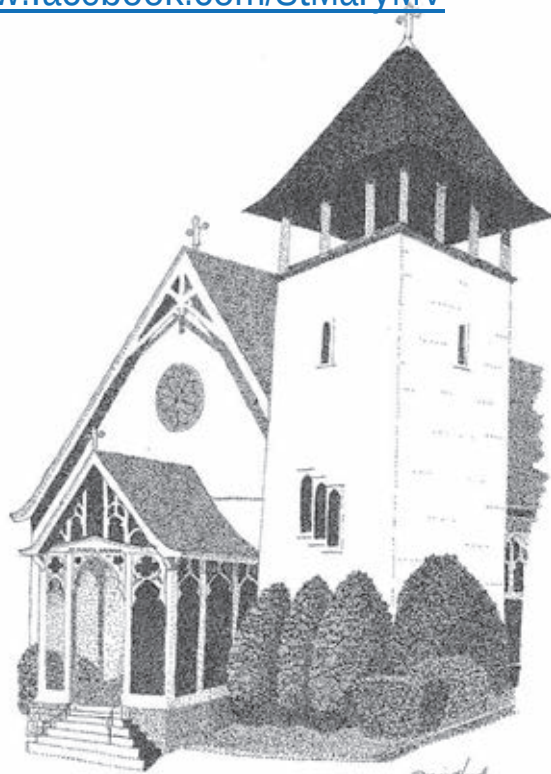
Holy Days

9:00am and 7:30pm

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday through Saturday: 9:30 – 2:00



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BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor
(914) 664-5855

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4.45 pm or call for an appointment

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in Parish Hall.

Teachings, Witnessing, Scripture Sharing, and more, to give honor and praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All ages are welcome!

SPANISH PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

First Friday: Healing Mass 7:30 pm

All are invited!

*In all facilities (office, Church, hall), all must **wear a mask**. **Social distancing** must be maintained (you know, 6 feet...). We have sanitizing stations: everyone must **sanitize their hands** upon entering and leaving. **No physical contact** (including the sign of peace).*

- **If you are not feeling well in any way, please stay home.***
- **If you are vulnerable (due to illness, age, etc.), please stay home.***

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honor Christian tradition of “Chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual-adapted for 2021 is simple: take chalk of any color and write the above the entrance of your home: 20+C+M+B+21.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi-Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar-who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansion benedict: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “21” 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 timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year’s Day. More commonly, it is performed 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. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our faith more concretely and serve

as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming to all who come to our home to visit us!

Our Increased Offertory Campaign, we have received a few more commitment envelopes this week! We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you that made it a success. During over the past weeks, our parish received 47 commitments. These families have said yes to helping us sustain the great works of this community and investing in our parish home. If you have not yet had the opportunity to document your increase and wish to join the 47 families, please complete the card locate in the Church and include it in the basket or drop off at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity and co-operation.

Today Sunday, January 3rd is the Feast of the Epiphany, the Feast of Three Kings. Even during this pandemic, the Kings are following its star. We might ask why? We will have a chance to ask them in person this Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses.

Mass Intentions - January 3 - January 9

Sunday, 1/3	8:00am – Frank Calamari (13 th Anniversary in Heaven) 9:30am – Ruben Gianni Velez (Birthday Blessings) 11:30am – Evelyn Hayes (Deceased)
Monday, 1/4	9:00am – Molly Carr Herencia (Deceased) 7:00pm – Wilfredo Sylas Bonilla III (Keep safe in S. Korea)
Tuesday, 1/5	9:00am – Kelly Loeffler & David Perdue (Living)
Wednesday 1/6	9:00am – Mary Duffy (Deceased) 7:00pm – Wilfredo Sylas Bonilla III (Keep safe in S. Korea)
Thursday 1/7	9:00am – Laurette Audain (Living)
Friday 1/8	9:00am – Health of Josephine thomas
Saturday, 1/9	9:00am – Mary & Frank Soriani (Get Well) 5:00pm – Health of Jorge Maia 7:00pm – Jeremy Gravel (deceased)



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La Epifanía (también conocida como Duodécima Noche, Teofanía o Día de los Reyes Magos) marca la ocasión de una tradición cristiana de honor del tiempo de "Marcar las puertas con tiza". La fórmula para el ritual adaptado para 2021 es simple: toma tiza de cualquier color y escribe lo anterior en la entrada de tu casa: 20 + C + M + B + 21.

Las letras tienen dos significados. Primero, representan las iniciales del Magi-Gaspar, Malchior y Balthazar, quienes vinieron a visitar a Jesús en Su primer hogar. También abrevian la frase latina *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "Que Cristo bendiga la casa". Los signos "+" representan la cruz, y el "20" al principio y el "21" al final marcan el año. En conjunto, esta inscripción se realiza como una petición para que Cristo bendiga esos hogares tan marcados y que se quede con los que los habitan durante todo el año.

El tiempo para el tiza de las puertas varía algo en la práctica. En algunos lugares, se realiza el día de Año Nuevo. Más comúnmente, se realiza en la tradicional fiesta de la Epifanía, el duodécimo día de Navidad.

La mayoría de las veces, el tiza se lleva a cabo después de la Misa de Epifanía y se puede hacer en cualquier iglesia, hogar o vivienda. Tradicionalmente, la bendición la realiza un sacerdote o el padre de familia. Esta bendición se puede realizar simplemente escribiendo la inscripción y ofreciendo una oración corta, o de manera más elaborada, incluyendo canciones, oraciones, procesiones, la quema de incienso y el rociado de agua bendita.

Practicar tradiciones como marcar con tiza las puertas nos ayuda a vivir nuestra fe de manera más concreta y sirve como un signo externo de nuestra dedicación a Nuestro Señor. Nuestros hogares son también el lugar donde muchos de nosotros lograremos mayores avances en nuestro crecimiento espiritual, mediante la observancia de la oración diaria, la lectura espiritual y el trabajo ofrecido como oblación a Dios.

Marcar con tiza las puertas de un hogar anima a los cristianos a dedicar su vida en el hogar a Dios y a los demás. Ver los símbolos sobre nuestras puertas puede ayudarnos a recordarnos, mientras entramos y salimos de nuestras rutinas diarias, que nuestros hogares y todos los que viven allí pertenecen a Cristo. ¡También sirve como un recordatorio de bienvenida a todos los que vienen a nuestra casa a visitarnos!

PARROQUIA DOMINGO POR LA MAÑANA
Nuestra Campaña de Ofertorio Incrementada,
¡Hemos recibido algunos sobres de compromiso más esta semana! Nos gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer una vez más a todos los que hicieron que fuera un éxito. Durante las últimas semanas, nuestra parroquia recibió 47 compromisos. Estas familias han dicho que sí para ayudarnos a mantener las grandes obras de esta comunidad e invertir en nuestro hogar parroquial. Si aún no ha tenido la oportunidad de documentar su aumento y desea unirse a las 47 familias, complete la tarjeta ubicada en la Iglesia e inclúyala en la canasta o déjela en la rectoría. Gracias por su generosidad y cooperación.

Hoy domingo, 3 de enero es la Fiesta de la Epifanía, la Fiesta de los Reyes Magos. Incluso durante esta pandemia, los Reyes están siguiendo a su estrella. ¿Podríamos preguntar por qué? Tendremos la oportunidad de preguntarles en persona este domingo a las 9:30 y 11:30 misas.

Anthony J. Guarino

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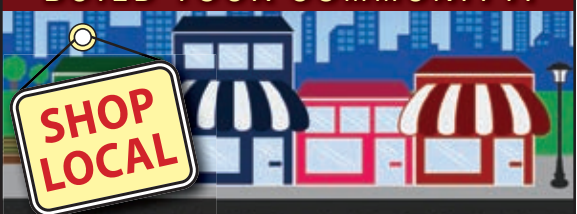
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