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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 (Spanish)

~ OFFICE HOURS ~

Sunday: Closed

Monday through Saturday: 9:30am – 2:00pm



Rev. Francis P. Scanlon

Pastor

Deacon Joe Patrona

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BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor or Deacon at (914) 664-5855.

CONFESSIONS

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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays at 7:30pm 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: Holy Hour 6:30 - 7:30 pm

First Friday: Healing Mass 7:30 pm

“Truly you have formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. You knew that I was there – You saw me before I was born.” (Psalm 139: 13, 16) **PRAY FOR THE UNBORN**

ABUSE SURVIVORS: We are grateful you are here today. We are sorry for the intense pain you suffer. We know there are many types of abuse; including sexual, physical, emotional and psychological. We hope you find this Church community a place of sensitivity that does not exacerbate your pain. We pray that you seek the support and help you need. We also pray that God holds you in His gentle loving hands and helps you to heal. Amen

The Epiphany of The Lord -Epifania Del Senor January 7,2024

Feast of The Three Kings

Today, we celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany, The Feast of the Three Kings. We are expecting a special visit during the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses from travelers from the East who are following a star.

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time honored Christian tradition of "Chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual 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 "24" 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!

The Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia

On Sunday, January 21, 2024 we will celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia, Patroness of the Dominican Republic. There will be a special Mass at 9:30 am followed by a Fiesta in the Parish Hall. If you would like to make a financial donation to help with this special day, there are envelopes available in the vestibule of the Church. All are invited to attend.

Mass Intentions - January 7-January 14, 2024

Sunday, 1/7	8:00 am – Shirley Hernandez (Deceased) 9:30 am – Ana María Martínez (Deceased) 11:30 am – Ruth Kayser (Deceased)
Monday, 1/8	9:00 am – Msgr. John Meehan (Health) 7:00 pm – Health of Clara Vazquez
Tuesday, 1/9	9:00 am – Patricia Maia (Health)
Wednesday 1/10	9:00 am – Olga Gonzalez (Deceased) 7:00 pm – Marviel Saurez (Deceased)
Thursday, 1/11	9:00 am – Robert Mojica Jr (17 th Anniversary in Heaven)
Friday, 1/12	9:00 am – Jorge Maia (Deceased)
Saturday, 1/13	9:00 am – Henry Trusty (Health) 5:00 pm – All our parishioners 7:00 pm – Minerva Roman (Deceased)
Sunday, 1/14	8:00 am – Anna & Sebastian Gaglione (Deceased) 9:30 am – All our parishioners 11:30 am – Nicky Baker (Deceased) Luke Gallagher (5 th Anniversary in Heaven)

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Online parish giving. <https://www.parishgiving.org/>

Parish Office Hours: Mon – Sat 9:30 – 2:00; **Closed:** Sunday

Fiesta de los Reyes Magos

Hoy, celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía, la Fiesta de los Reyes Magos. Esperamos que algunos visitantes especiales del este, que están siguiendo a una estrella, nos visiten a las 9:30 a.m. y a las 11:30 a.m. Misas.

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 "24" 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!

Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia,

El domingo 21 de enero de 2024 celebraremos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia, Patrona de la República Dominicana. Habrá una misa especial a las 9:30 seguida de una Fiesta en el Salón Parroquial. Si desea hacer una donación financiera para ayudar en este día especial, hay sobres disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.



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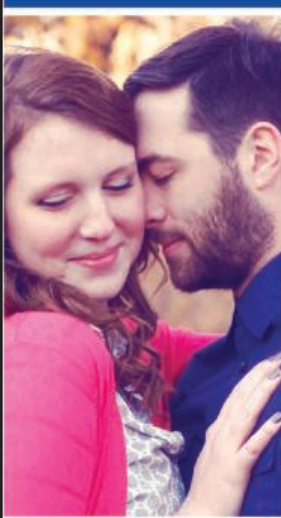
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