

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:00 PM †Bonnie Tuttle-Lowe & Lynn Martin

Sunday, January 7, 2018

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

8:00 AM †Jean Vicario-Shirley & Mike Meeker

*Thursday, January 11, 2018**6:15 PM St Mary of the Woods*

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 PM †Lester Flynn-Jack Culp

Sunday, January 14, 2018

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods: Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Attendance: n/a**Parish Offering Weekend Dec 2017** n/a**PARISH PRAYER LINE:** Tammy Bauer 937.441.0645

Rest in the Peace of Christ: Doug Meeker, Patty Frost, Ester Eagy, John O'Rielley, Ann Houchin, John Tynan, Mary Woolf

ANGEL OF GOD, *my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen*

BIBLE STUDY (RCIA Room) (will be on the Old Testament) beginning on 8 Jan-16 Apr, 7:00 pm. (no classes are scheduled on 15 Jan & 19 Feb) Please bring a Bible and notebook and call Tammy Bauer to sign-up, 937.441.0645.

HOLY LIGHT

May God's HOLY LIGHT be with you, shedding God's radiance upon your everyday. May you perceive your life in a new way, revealed in the light of God's love and desire for you. May this God light up the light places of our life where visions and possibilities dwell. May those visions give birth to peace and justice in the world. May God, HOLY LIGHT, be with you. By Sister Maxine Shonk, op

CHALKING THE DOOR: A BLESSING ON YOUR HOME AT EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. On Epiphany, January 7th, 2018, family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 17. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

Father Shawn has blessed the chalk and it is located in the back of church in a basket.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
 We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.

PFF INFORMATION: There will be a PFF penance service on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM. All PFF students in grades 2 and up are respectfully requested to attend. Parents, if you cannot bring your child on that night, please ensure that they receive the sacrament at another time--reconciliation is celebrated on Thursday evenings during Eucharistic Adoration; 6:45-7:45 pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays at St. Pat's; 2nd and 4th Thursdays at SMOW). Thank You

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00pm, Tues & Thurs; 5:00-7:00 pm Wed.

THANK YOU



Dates to Remember:

- Jan 7, after 10:00 Mass, Christmas Decorations come down
- Jan 8, 7:00 pm (RCIA Rm) Bible Study begins
- Jan 20 & 27, 9:00-12:00 am, (RCIA Rm) Fully Engaged Training
- Jan 24, 7:00 pm (Church) PFF Penance

Formed.org Parish Subscription

St. Patrick has renewed our subscription to Formed.org. This website has an amazing database of videos, books, movies, and audio talks available for all parishioners. We will be using content from this website as part of our PFF curriculum. The parish access code is: HJ34VZ

Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi arrived to give their homage to the newborn King. The Magi traveled a great distance and endured many hardships to do homage to Jesus Christ. Would we be willing to make that same journey to see the newborn King? Do we yearn to behold the majesty of God?

We are fortunate to have easier access to Jesus Christ; He is present with us in the Eucharist. We can see Him any time we stop by the church, but we should never take this gift for granted. The Magi remind us of how fortunate we are to have the King of Kings in our presence.

Perhaps this Epiphany we can make a commitment to spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evenings. May we all approach the Eucharist like the Magi did; with a deep yearning to behold Jesus Christ and to do Him homage!

Father Landenwitch