

Blessed Sacrament Church

"I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven. If any man eats of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the Bread I will give, is My Flesh." John 6:51-52



The EPIPHANY OF the LORD

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1-2

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the side chapel twenty-four hours a day, every day. All are welcome to come and worship and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

LORD'S DAY: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
HOLIDAYS: Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Holyday: 9:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS: 9:00 a.m.
SATURDAYS: First Saturdays only: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM: As part of the preparation process an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required. Please contact Laurie at 774-2918.

ENGAGED COUPLES: Arrangements for your marriage must be made at least nine months in advance of the marriage date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you and ask that you register at the Rectory. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents.

Pastor

Rev. Timothy J. Campoli

Church

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Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support
Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

Calvary Cemetery

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Greenfield
773-3311

Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062

Hispanic Ministry

Sr. Caritina Olmos, M.P.S.
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH (Fr. Aksamit)
 4:00 Joseph Brozo, Jr. – by Wife and Family
SUNDAY, JAN. 6TH – The Epiphany of the Lord (Fr. Roux)
 10:30 John Sabin – by Wife and Family
MONDAY, JAN. 7TH – St. Raymond of Peñafort (Deacon Rabbitt)
 9:00 Dr. Michael Swanson – by Ed & Mary Lou Bueno
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH (Deacon Leary)
 9:00 Bishop Robert C. Morlino – by Betty Fritz
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH (Deacon Bucci)
 9:00 Joyce Tilton – by Laurie
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH (Pope Francis)
 9:00 Robert “Mike” Grant – by Family
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH (Clergy in Purgatory)
 9:00 Humberto & Cecilia Tehelen – by Ed & Mary Lou Bueno

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH (Fr. Bermudez)
 4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by Birute Hanley
SUNDAY, JAN. 13TH – The Baptism of the Lord (Vocations)
 10:30 Paul I. Coughlin – by Family

 REMINDER: ♦ Please join with us in praying the **Rosary** before each daily Mass at 8:15 a.m., before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

♦ **Confessions** after each weekend Mass.
 ♦ The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be recited Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to come and pray with us.

♦ Blessed Sacrament has a **Prayer Chain** which is available for anyone. Simply contact Marie Boynton at 413-772-5858 or memeboynton@comcast.net with your petition.

♦ **Sponsor Certificates** - Many parishes require certificates of sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed adult Catholics, registered in the parish, regular participants at Mass, validly married in the Church (*if applicable*) and providing for the religious education of their own children (*if applicable*).

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of January 12 & 13

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, January 12

4:00	Deacon George Nolan	Brian Luippold
	Jason Semaski	Kathy Burrows
	Kerry Semaski	Cynn timer Erho
	Bill Randall	Francis Campbell
	Hannah Lively	

Sunday, January 13

10:30	Deacon John Leary	Judy Lapointe
	Donna Leary	Bob O’Connor
	Lionel Martin	Suzanne Hunter
	Joyce Thibodo	Mary Jane Bardwell
	Bob Page	

Holy Trinity Church Weekend Mass Schedule Sunday: 8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.
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Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, January 13 Deacon John & Donna Leary

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Jan. 12	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Betsy Grybko
Sun., Jan. 13	10:30	Marie Boynton / Sandra Pavoni

Greeters: 4:00 Hannah Lively
 10:30 Mark Penfield



Mass Servers

Saturday, January 12

4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day

Sunday, January 13

10:30 Casey Christi, Sean Pierce

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Requiescat In Pace

Mary E. McGarrah

For the Glory of God and in memory of **Francis Wallitis** a donation was made to the Adoration Chapel from Wife and Family. God Bless you!

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:

Albert LeBeau, Jr. - from Marie Boynton

The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Pat Duffey** – from Bob Earley
- 2.) **Yvonne & Arthur Jubb** – from Bob & Connie Tombs
- 3.) **Bob Thibodo** – from wife, Joyce
- 4.) **Special Intention** - from Anonymous

Annual Epiphany Party

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Epiphany Party at the Fr. Casey Hall is cancelled for this year ONLY. So sorry for this but it will take place again next year, even bigger and better than before! God bless you all for your understanding.

Donations Have Been Made for Christmas Flowers In Memory/Honor of the Following Loved Ones

John Barchenski, Barchenski Family, Dorothy A. Clark, John E. Clark, Jr., John E. Clark, Sr., Marlene Holmes, Sophie Lawor, Podlo Family, Donald Rooney

Thank You from Our Seminarians

It is with very grateful hearts, that we thank the people at the Diocese of Springfield for their generosity toward our seminarian fund this Christmas! Your overwhelming generosity is much appreciated and shows how many people are supportive of and helping to create a culture of vocations. Please know of our prayers for you and your loved ones, and please remember us in your prayers.

Gratefully, the Seminarians of the Diocese of Springfield.

March for Life

Catholics for Life, along with the Franklin County Deanery, are sponsoring a chartered bus to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on the 46th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will depart from Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield on Thursday evening, January 17th. We will spend Friday, January 18th in Washington, leaving at 4:00 p.m. We will arrive back in Greenfield early Saturday morning. **All students may attend at no charge; sponsorship will be available.** For additional information, please contact Deacon John Leary at deaconjohnleary@gmail.com or (413) 219-2734.

Catholic Youth Night at the Springfield Thunderbirds

Mark your calendar to join us for our Catholic Youth Night (for both Catholic Schools & Youth Ministry) on Sat., Feb. 2, 2019 at 7:05pm when the Springfield Thunderbirds take on the Utica Comets. Tickets are \$12 each and must be ordered by Jan. 30th <https://springfieldthunderbirds.formstack.com/forms/catholicyouth>.

A Pilgrimage to Greece, Patmos, Ephesus Oct. 11-21, 2019

Join us on a spiritual journey to many towns of the New Testament where St. Paul first spread the Good News. Also visit Patmos where St. John wrote Revelations and Mary's House in Ephesus. Included is a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles. Fr. Timothy Campoli and Msgr. Ronald Yargeau are our Spiritual Directors. Daily Mass will take place. The cost is \$4199 but if you register before January 31, 2019 you will receive a \$200 Early Bird Discount. A bus to Logan will be arranged if there is interest. For a flyer and more info., please contact Helen Shea Murphy at 413-824-8733 or helensheamurphy@verizon.net. View the website at www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy.

Spiritual Food for Thought

"O Holy Family—the Family so closely united to the mystery which we contemplate on the day of the Lord's Birth—guide with your example the families of the whole earth!"

— Pope St. John Paul II

K of C Refundable Bottle and Can Drive

The Knights of Columbus in Greenfield are having a refundable bottle and can drive to help support the different programs with which the Knights are involved. Drop off your clean bottles and cans at the rear entrance of the church in the barrel or at 18 Shattuck Street in Greenfield. Please call Jerry Ethier at 522-3283 or Jay Dillon at 772-6158 for pick-up.

Large Paper Grocery Bags Needed for Food Pantry

We are in need of LARGE paper grocery bags for our Food Pantry. If you can help, please drop the bags off by the back door of the church by the parking lot. Thank you!

Christmas in Poland

The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. Christmas-themed exhibit is about Poland this year. A variety of heavily embroidered, multicolored traditional Polish apparel is exhibited alongside the scores of Christmas artifacts. The centerpiece is a collection of spectacular szopki, folk-art crèches created annually by regular citizens in Kraków. They look like historical buildings in that city and they fly Polish flags, but they are occupied by the Holy Family, the wise men, the shepherds, angels, etc. The museum has recreated a Polish dining room, with a table set for a "wigilia," a meatless Christmas Eve feast. Around the cottage are other artifacts of Polish Yuletide: gromice candles blessed on Candlemas; a book of carols; and opłatek, the Communion-like wafers with embossed religious designs. **Christmas in Poland (Boże Narodzenie w Polsce)** is at Knights of Columbus Museum, One State St. in New Haven, until Feb. 3. Admission and parking are free. "Christmas in Song," a concert of traditional Polish Christmas carols performed by the Moniuszko Choir, will be Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. kofmuseum.org.

Knights of Columbus Council #133

Meetings 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Casey Hall, Holy Trinity Church

We are looking for new members.

If interested, please contact Jason Semaski (413-626-3378) or Jay Dillon (413-773-3678).



A GoFundMe Campaign for the Dominican Nuns!

The Lay Dominicans of the Mother of God Chapter in West Springfield are sponsoring a **GoFundMe** campaign for the Dominican Nuns of the Mother of God Monastery in West Springfield. Your donations would help defer the huge costs of repairs and renovations to the lower level of one section of the Monastery. Structural damage to the foundation, water, mold and asbestos issues need to be repaired and replaced (concrete floors and walls, excavation, water drainage) and other issues including repairs to the steeple and possibly a wheelchair ramp. Know that the Lay Dominicans would be so grateful to everyone for any donations to help the Nuns. As, in their cloistered vocation, the Nuns intercede with the Father of Mercies for the universal Church, as well as for the needs and salvation of the whole world, we, in turn, want to support them in any way that we are able. Again, thank you! See the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/dominican-nuns-ws-renovation>.

20-C+M+B-19

The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition Explained

If you're a Catholic, you've probably seen it: a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Maybe you thought you could figure it out. Maybe you were too embarrassed to ask, "What the heck is that?"

If you don't know what the chalk is all about, don't be ashamed. You're certainly not alone.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2019 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 19**.

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 mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "19" 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 chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

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

this Saturday — 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.

After many Epiphany Masses, satchels of blessed chalk, incense, and containers of Epiphany water (holy water blessed with special blessings for Epiphany) are distributed. These can then be brought home and used to perform the ritual. Another common practice is to save a few grains of the Epiphany incense until Easter, so that it can be burned along with the Easter candle.

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 the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

Below, we've provided some examples of how this ceremony can be performed.

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. The following prayer is taken from the book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, by Elsa Chaney.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader(*Priest, if present, or father of the family*) : Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. *During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .

And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”.) Example: 20 + C + M + B + 19

Another possible prayer to say during your Chalking:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

However you do it, it's a rich tradition, a worthy invocation of God's blessing, and a great conversation starter for your guests. For every person who asks about the inscription, there's an opportunity to spread this authentically Catholic practice during the Epiphany.

Steve Skojec contributed to this article. Originally published on January 5, 2016.