



Sunday, January 11, 2026—The Baptism of the Lord

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PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm

Mass Schedule - All Masses are available by live stream through our website.

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

The Church is open for daily prayer Monday through Friday. Access is through the parish office.

Confession: Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment by calling the parish office.

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THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at abuse-line@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.





Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which means 'Manifestation' or Showing. It is on this feast that the Magi came to Bethlehem. As I noted in last week's bulletin and in my homily, the Magi were priests of the Fire Temple of Zoroaster in Persia. So what better day to choose to burn a mortgage than on the day of the Fire Priest's arrival? We symbolically burned the smallest of our 4 mortgages, which, thanks to so many, was paid off before the end of 2025.

By paying off Loan 4 early, we saved a significant amount in interest. In December, the loan balance was \$35,912.22, but because we paid it off ahead of schedule, the actual amount paid was \$25,527.35. We raised \$154,788.00. After paying off Loan 4, we had \$129,260.65 left, which we used to pay down the principal on the loan with the highest interest rate. This reduced the principal and interest on that loan by *three years*.

The largest donations were \$50,000.00, \$27,600.00, and \$20,000.00. The remaining donations ranged from \$20.00 to \$5000.00. We now have three mortgages remaining. One down, three to go.

The other 3 Mortgages now total \$4,929,185.42. The largest is the loan for the roof of the new church, \$1,720,219.80. The other 2 loans are construction loans from the new church, \$2,090,259.22 and \$1,118,706.40. In addition, each month there is an envelope for "Mortgage Reduction"; proceeds from this collection go toward additional principal payments on the mortgages.

All of these initiatives help to secure a financially stable future for the parish. Without debt, our parish would be doing very well, but the debt keeps us, well, in debt! Slowly but surely, we are making a dent in our debt reduction. Each step is a step forward to a secure future.

Thank you to all the individuals and families who helped pay off one loan and reduce another. This was a successful end-of-year campaign. The Magi Fire Priests would have appreciated our mortgage 'burnt offering' on Epiphany!

Last Sunday was quite festive, with mortgage burning and the very successful joint effort of our parish music ministry concert and the Knights of Columbus brunch, which accompanied it, and drew over 200 people! Many thanks, Naomi Capasso and the Music Ministry, for the beautiful music throughout Christmas, and the concerts (Christmas Eve & Day before Masses and Epiphany), we were truly blessed this Christmas Season!

Peace and Good- Fr. Bambrick

Due to publisher deadlines, the last few bulletins had to be completed well before Christmas, so please excuse the lateness of this entry. At Mass on Epiphany, I had a few inquiries about the custom of blessing the house at the start of the New Year. This can be done anytime from the Feast of the Epiphany forward. On the last page of this bulletin (page 9), is a short ritual you can use to bless your home using prayers, Holy Water, and chalk (even a pencil in a pinch).



We are looking for prospective volunteers who want to live out their faith through service, in community, and with purpose. These characteristics capture the essence of the St. Vincent de Paul mission centered on love and life. Vincentians see their neighbors in need as equal to themselves and worthy of love, regardless of their difficult situation. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and become part of it in serving others, please consider attending our next General Meeting on Monday, January 26th at 7:00pm in Morello Hall. Become involved in a ministry that goes to the very heart of Christ's teaching to love and care for all people.

Love Your Neighbor, Live Vincentian



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the beautiful Christmas flowers. We appreciate your continued support and dedication to beautifying God's house.



Our next food drive will be the weekend of January 17-18th to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. Requested items include canned fruit and vegetables, canned soup, microwavable soups and meals, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, cereal, personal hygiene products, and dog food.

Icon Painting Workshop St. Aloysius Church

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

June 1-6, 2026

St. Aloysius Church
Jackson, New Jersey



Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Christ Pantocrator icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. The schedule of courses runs daily from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Your tuition fee of \$850 includes all materials including boards, brushes, pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested. For enrollment or information contact Mr Theodoros Papadopoulos at the email: theodoreicons@gmail.com or visit the website: theodoreicons.com/jackson



Congratulations to

**Ryan Don DeAngelis
and
Alyssa Janae D'Astoli**

who received the Sacrament of Marriage this week. May your union be filled with God's grace and enduring love.

I have found the one whom my soul loves...

Song of Solomon 3:4

Mass for Life & Life Expo



FRIDAY
January 23, 2026
11:00 AM | Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold



■ Pray in solidarity with those travelling to Washington, DC for the national March for Life



■ Engage with local life-affirming organizations that promote human dignity from womb to tomb



■ Foster friendships, network and strengthen bonds to build a culture of life in our community



■ Complimentary coffee & homemade hot soup will be available to enjoy in the café seating area

■ No Limits Café food truck will be onsite offering assorted specialty grilled cheese sandwiches & soft drinks for purchase



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Prayer to St Michael The Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



Carmela Graziano

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Devotional Lamps - Week of January 11-17, 2026

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for ***Our Parishioners***

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Those Battling Cancer***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***Those Suffering Mental Illness and Addiction***

We honor and thank all those who have served our country. We're thankful for their service and dedication to our nation. Lord, bless and protect all those that have served and are serving our country. We pray that all Veterans may know your love for them.

SFC Nicole Marchitto
RCT Patrick McBride
SSG Marcus Torre
Capt. Cameron Lindsey
MJG Steven Love

C4C Nicholas Accardi, AF
CPT Chris Mision
MJR Jason DiDomenico
AFPVT Logan Moran

Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Hennicke
Capt. Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould
Capt. James Accardi

2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo
Jameson Norton

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help. Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen.*

Vocation Awareness, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Peace on Earth, Curtis Hart, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulis, Cassidy Krutulis, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathaniel Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolar-sick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, Rob and Gina Zangrillo, Pam and Mike Mills, Pat Gallagher, Theresa Raimondi, Ann Rucando, Camille DeRosa, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa Schalen, Jordan Elkary, Valerie Behar, Andrea Mitreuter, Barbara Ziff, John and Dolores Corsentino, Gary Gerlach, Iggy Antico, William Johnson, Louis Rivera, Linda McLane, Daf-fron Family, Barbara Griffin, Davy McClure, Paulette Aronstam, Donna Day, Vinny Day, Marge Sabo, John Harsanyi, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Kaitlyn Krutulis, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Maryann Lombardi, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lillian Zumbado, Michael Tardio, Agnes Smith, Michelle Neuhaus, Margie Libonati, Viola Gatyas, Kathy Cronin, Robert and Annamarie Kowalewski, Barbara Owens, Laurie Wroda, Louis Iacono, Grace Lowney, Matthew Machin, Tim Popp, Mickey Silecchia, Paige Luke, Eddie An-thony, Karen Nepsha, Patti Misyak-Peters, Kristen Tamburro, Luca DeTommaso, Megan McIntyre, Diane Massiello, Billy Trupia, Provie Grasso, Karen Dudds, Margaret Cook, Victoria Magri, Ramona Martinez, Norm Schoenig, Dolores Pych, Mike Senft, Lisa Kelley Sassone, Leonard Laviscount, Hana Hund, The Kirk Family, Marie Croce, Barbara Busch, Gus Cun-tala, Thomas and Nancy Crowley, Stephen Brancaccio, Brenda Edwards, Maggie White, Earl Jones, Marshall Maddox, Alex Lynch, Susan Miluk, Santana Greer

Thank you for your prayers for all those on our Intercessory and Armed Forces prayer lists. If you would like to add or change information please contact the Parish Office.



MASS INTENTIONS January 11-18, 2026

Sunday, January 11, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**

8:30 a.m. **Veronica Madigan**, r/o Barbara and Len Tafo
In Thanksgiving, r/o Younker Family
10:30 a.m. **Kathryn Shapiro**, r/o Camille Kielty
Alexander Flack, r/o Irene Flack

Monday, January 12, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Patrick Tedesco**, r/o Loretta and Mario Leotta

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Joseph McGlone**, r/o Vikki McGlone
Barbara Herochik, r/o Judy Sherman

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. **James Trotter**, r/o Barbara and Frank

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Liz Annino**, r/o Ed and Peggy Connelly

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Mick O'Hara**, r/o Ed and Peggy Connelly

Saturday, January 17, 2026

5:00 p.m. **Albert Ingrassia**, r/o Wife and Family
Michele Palermo, r/o Marie Ingrassia

Sunday, January 18, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**

8:30 a.m. **Lawrence Houlihan**, r/o Toni Houlihan
In Thanksgiving, r/o Younker Family
10:30 a.m. **John Kielty**, r/o Camille Kielty
Margaret Gordon, r/o Gordon Family

Weekly Readings

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
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Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5,
7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-
25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-
19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4
-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,
10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34



Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at

our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



Christmas: \$41,088.45

December 28:

Offering: \$8,009.78

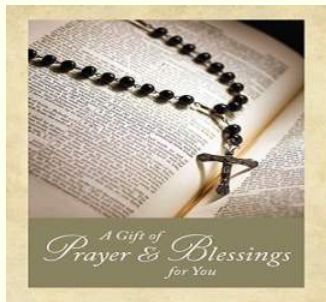
Online Giving: \$5,482.84

Solemnity of Mary: \$3,153.55

January 4:

Offering: \$10,974.61

Online Giving: \$8,064.34



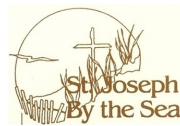
The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.

The Annual Enrollment Mass is celebrated the First Friday of each month at 8:30am for a period of one (1) year—12 months.

James and Natalie McMahon, Richard Iacono, George and Arlene Hassler, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Frank and Rose Hubit, Christopher Oliveira, Pat and Phelan Brady, Judy DeMichael, John P. Riso, Charles C. Gordon, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Anna Oliveia, William McCarthy, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Edward F. Brown, Jr., Robert Newmiller, Breakfast Club, Maria K. Wolfe, Rosalie and Nick DeLapi, Nunzio Masone, Boscarino Family, Johnson Family and Tessa, Shirley Shuberda, Mark Koval, Justin Jude Gingeleskie, Forgotten Souls of Purgatory, Cirricione Family, Elaine Marie Chambers, Merced Lotrena, Richard Wojaczyk, Paul Frankowski, Lawrence Houlihan, Marie Bivona, Gloria Anderson, Paul Kutz, John Owens, Annamarie DeLeonardis, Miriam A. Whalen, Marie Henshaw, Luca DeTommaso, Andrea K. Lear, Cheryl Stypula Gaydos and the Stypula Family, Chad Vitello, Rosano Family, Richard Toneske, Nora S. Lyng, Gardella Family, Marie DiTomasso, Eileen and George Graziano, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, McKenzie, Cabol, Butler, and Duplan Families, Anne Marie Varda Thenor Louis,, Madeline Pomposelli, Joseph Pomposelli, Mark Pomposelli, Josephine Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Cornelius Connie O'Donnell, Gene Murnane, Richard Reba, Sandra Martin, Joseph and Pauline Fertal, Susan Glab, Evelyn and George Doerbecker, Gertrude and Eugene McLoughlin, Maureen and Don Gorny, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Evan and Olivia Gorny, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Sergio and Katie Lee Rossini, Ray Velasco, Mr and Mrs. Timothy Mangan, Mary Mangan, Keith Bailey, Dorothy Connors, Scatuccio Family, Mary Carole Davenport, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Elaine Sobreira, Marie Pompa, Carmelo Vicidomini, Loretta Conway, Dolores Pych, Michael Seyglinski, Urban and Millo Family, Michael Matzo, Pete Albany, Martha and Anthony Elardo, Margaret and Edward Davis, Linda Alm, Frank J. Brauner, Stephen Pirniak, Palumbo Family, Guldner Family, George Roessler, Gener Agapen, Thomas Cetnar, Flores Giron Family, Franck Joseph Tassy, Tony and Bernadette Riccardi, Joseph Riccio, Ernest Carnicelli, Jack Bassi, Robert Douglas French, Joseph and Sara Musumeci, Charlie Kirk and his Family, Madolyn Brown, Kathryn Shapiro, James Diefendorf, Mary Puglisi, Flavin, Marino, Troise, and Zisko Families, Sergio Rossini, Domenico Rossini, Katie Rossini, Joyce Yaccarino, Liz Annino, Jelnicki Family, Troy Calloway, Mary L. Blake, Joseph Cosentino, Rosalinda Francisco Bausa, Gerry Chanco, Joseph Moroney, Kathryn Cuccia, Carol Crimoli, Connie and Tony Giammona, Richard Maczka, Alexander Gonzolo and Family, Susan Priolo, Dominick Tusi, Des Fitzgerald, Bob McCarthy, Tony Desiderioscioli, Hernani Calara, Hank Andreski, Gail Harrison, Paul J. Occhiuzzo, Rosemarie L. Occhiuzzo, Joan Vilacoba, Ronald Gillen



Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth. Register for programs by going to the website FHOP@verizon.net or call 609-877-0509.



Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to "Go forth and teach the Word of God." Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them.

A CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org



Sacrament of MATRIMONY - We welcome and congratulate all who are seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony. Church arrangements and marriage preparation should be made one year in advance for those who are registered with the parish and living in Jackson. Call the parish office as soon as possible at 732-370-0500 ext. 204. If you are making plans for a "destination wedding," please call the parish office first. There is a way to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony before your destination wedding.

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION - The Convalidation of a Marriage is a special wedding ceremony by which one's marriage is recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church. Through this process your marriage will be fully embraced by the Church, granting it all the spiritual blessings and benefits it offers. If you are interested in learning more about a Marriage Convalidation contact the parish office.

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Music Ministry

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ADULT CHOIR
WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30PM

YOUTH CHOIR
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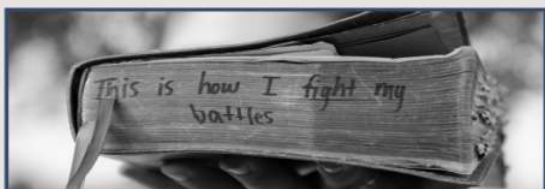
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MUSICMINISTRY@SAINTALOYSIUSONLINE.ORG



To begin the process of scheduling a date for Baptism, families are asked to be registered in the parish. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Prep Class, and Godparents will need to provide a Letter of Eligibility from their current parish (where they reside). Baptisms are held most Sundays at 12:00pm, following the 10:30am Mass. For more information or to schedule a date, please call the parish office. No Baptism date can be secured until all requirements are met.

12 STEPS IN 12 MONTHS 2026 RECOVERY BIBLE STUDY



Open to all people in the process of recovery from any addictive behavior

**EVERY 2ND FRIDAY OF
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Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine
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For More Information
732-223-4673
grace@njsamaritan.org

Facilitated by Grace Hugel,
Mental Health Graduate Intern
Supervised by Jennifer Fria, LPC, ACS



Proper Reception of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion.

Proper reception of Holy Communion involves approaching the Altar with reverence, and a bow, responding "Amen," and choosing to receive the Host either on the tongue (open mouth, extend tongue) or in the hand (make a "throne" with two hands, consume immediately, stepping aside), all while being in a state of grace (no unconfessed mortal sin), fasting (for one hour prior to Mass), and with clear intention for faith.

The key is respect, recognizing the Eucharist as Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and consuming it fully before returning to your pew for prayer.



Happy New Year from the St. Aloysius Men's Group

The St. Aloysius Men's Group invites you to join us on Saturday mornings as we look to strengthen one another and draw closer to God. Each week we journey through powerful topics like authentic fatherhood, spiritual warfare and ways to live our lives as Catholic men. We start early so we can finish before the day takes control. Make a meaningful New Year's resolution to grow closer to the merciful love of God the Father. **Our sessions start on January 24, 2026.** For more information, please contact David at dfurb@aol.com.



If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic who is considering completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formally RCIA) process can help you. To decide whether this path is right for you, please contact the parish office where a staff member will meet with you and answer your questions. No immediate commitment is necessary at the time of initial inquiry.



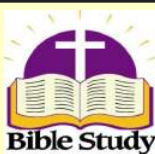
Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God?

WWP Bible study combines personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

*If you desire to grow in your faith in a supportive community of Catholic women, **Walking with Purpose** is for you!*

We meet Thursdays at 7:00m in Morello Hall.

Call the parish office or
email walkingwithpurposeklaudia@gmail.com



Weekly Bible study, led by Fr. RJ, meet each Tuesday at 2:30pm in the parish office. No RSVP needed, just BYOB.



"AYM" (St. Aloysius Youth Ministry) offers opportunities for those in grades 8 through 12 to connect with fellow teens who share their Catholic faith. We offer a variety of spiritual, service, and social events throughout the year. Please see below for reminders about upcoming events. To RSVP to any of the following, please contact Mrs. Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintaloyisiusonline.org. Events are open to teens in grades 8 through 12. **Please keep in mind that it is a diocesan policy that parents should be copied on e-mail communication between parish staff/volunteers and those under 18.*

DYC Sign Project: Our youth group has been asked to help with a special project in preparation for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference! We will be making signs related to the DYC theme, to be used with a photo booth on the day of the event. The plan is to gather after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 25th. We will work on the signs from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP by Thursday, January 22nd if you plan to join us

DYC: The annual Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up on Saturday, February 7th at 10:15 am at Donovan Catholic High School in Toms River! DYC is the Diocese of Trenton's annual gathering for all teens in grades 8 through 12. It provides a chance to be with fellow young Catholics and grow closer to Christ through dynamic presentations, prayer, music, activities, and more! This year's theme is "Power-ful." The advanced registration cost is \$25 per person. Please note that registration must be completed through your parish youth ministry leader. Parents/guardians who would like to register their son/daughter for DYC are asked to please contact Jen Petrillo no later than Thursday, January 29th. *Please note: For our group, the plan is for teens to be dropped off and picked up at Donovan Catholic High School by a parent/guardian. Chaperones from our parish will meet our teens at Donovan Catholic and accompany them throughout the event.*



Epiphany Home Blessing

All: Make the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: 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.

(Enter your home and read the Magnificat, the hymn of praise sung by the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel after being greeted by Elizabeth. During this, sprinkle the area you are in with holy water.)

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. (Lk 1: 46-55)

(After that is complete, pray:)

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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 unto thee.

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 are recited, walk throughout your home sprinkling each room with holy water. Then write the initials of the Magi connected with crosses at the top of your front door. Then the numbers of the year. The numbers will be split so that they are on each side of the initials. You will write: **20 + C + M + B + 26**

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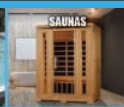
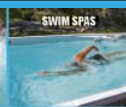
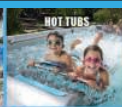
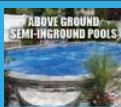
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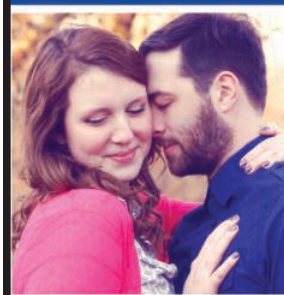
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