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The Epiphany of the Lord

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# The Lewis County Catholic Times

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## The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition

As the Christmas Season draws to a close, Holy Mother Church celebrates the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. “Epiphany” literally means a manifestation or a showing forth. As the original Christmas, this was the day more highly regarded and celebrated because, while the birth of Christ brings great joy, on Epiphany he was made known to the world, represented by the Magi. Traditionally this is the day on which gifts are given, in imitation of the gifts given to the Child Jesus by the Magi. In addition to this, the Church continues one of her most ancient traditions, that of the blessing of homes. Most of us have probably had our homes blessed at one time or another. But Epiphany gives the opportunity for a unique and special blessing particular to the day. Along with the prayer of blessing, which can be done by a priest or by the head of the household, the door lentil is “chalked”—marked in blessed chalk with a sign of the Epiphany: the year along with the letters C, M, and B. The acronym CMB stands for both a Latin prayer, Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this House) as well as the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

This year we are presented with another opportunity to “chalk the doors,” as the expression goes. This outward sign of our celebration of Epiphany is a visible sign to all who enter our homes that they are entering the home of faithful Christian, one who rejoices in the

manifestation of Christ in the world as its King and Savior, and one who proclaims year-round the joy that is the message of Christmas. As we have all been marked with the sign of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation, this marking of our homes lets it be known to the all the world. True, the chalk mark will fade with time. But as it does we permit what the sign represents—our Faith—to sink more deeply into our hearts and mind, that it may be manifested more fully in our thoughts and actions.

Below is a very brief Rite of Blessing for Epiphany, and I encourage all our families at some point this week to take a moment to gather as a household, to offer this prayer, and to “chalk the doors” in celebration of Our Lord’s Epiphany.

### Epiphany Blessing

*Gathering near the main entrance to the home, the head of the household leads the family in this short prayer service.*

V.\ In the name of the Father X and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
R.\ Amen.  
V.\ May peace dwell in this house.  
R.\ And in all who live here.  
V.\ O God, by the guidance of a star you revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations. Grant that we who know you by Faith in this life may come to live in your presence in the next.  
R.\ Amen.  
V.\ Let us pray. Bless this home, Almighty God, that it may be a dwelling of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience

to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this home, and upon all who live here, throughout this year. Through Christ our Lord.  
R.\ Amen.

*The head of the household then takes the blessed chalk and writes above the main door of the house, on the exterior, the following inscription:*

20 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 20

### Traditional Latin Mass

The Traditional Latin Mass (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) is offered weekly at St. Patrick Church in Weston. Confessions begin at 11:45 followed by Mass at 12:30. The second Sunday of each month is the traditional “High” Mass with music and the choir. Everyone is invited. This Mass does fulfill as your weekend Mass obligation. **Please note that on Sunday, January 12 confessions will begin at 1:15 and Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m.**

### Combined Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting for members of the Pastoral Councils of all three parishes on Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Boniface Church in Camden. This meeting is only for members of the Pastoral Councils. Members of the Pastoral Council of St. Patrick’s Church are: Jesse Cunningham, Joe Derico, Jeremy Garton, Mike Jefferson, Judy Jerden, Michele Turner.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

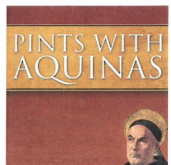
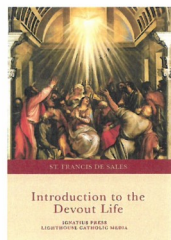
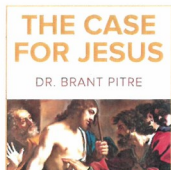
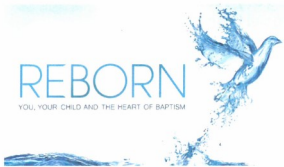






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## January 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 1/1 Mary, Mother of God**  
 Watch: Ready Reasons: Is Mary the Mother of God?  
 Kids: Cat.Chat: Episode 1 - Celebrating Mary  
 Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God
- 1/2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
 \*Study: Symbolon, LTF: Session 10 - Social Catholic Teaching  
 Listen: Holiness is Always in Season
- 1/5 Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Watch: Ready Reasons: Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?  
 Kids: Cat.Chat: Episode 2 - Learning about Jesus  
 Listen: God Made Man
- 1/12 Baptism of the Lord**  
 \*Study: Reborn: The Rite Explained  
 \*Study: Wild Goose: Session 3 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire  
 Listen: Changed Forever
- 1/21 Saint Agnes**  
 Listen: Women Made New  
 Study: YDisciple: True Beauty Chastity
- 1/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
 Watch: Why I Left Planned Parenthood  
 Kids: The Value of Life
- 1/24 Saint Francis de Sales**  
 Study: True Reformers: Episode 6 - Saint Francis de Sales  
 Read: Introduction to the Devout Life
- 1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul**  
 Study: YDisciple: Hot Topics, Episode 1 - Spreading the Gospel  
 Listen: From Love, By Love, For Love
- 1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas**  
 \*Study: Symbolon, LTF: Session 6 - A Catholic Moral Vision  
 Listen: Pints with Aquinas: 12 Stories about Aquinas
- 1/31 Saint John Bosco**  
 \*Watch: Saint John Bosco  
 \*Watch: Don Bosco

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**March for Life**

**THE 47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE** in Washington, D.C. commemorates the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion, which has resulted in the deaths of over 61 million innocent, unborn children. Please join this March to help us rededicate ourselves to stopping this culture of death. A bus, sponsored by the Monongalia Chapter of West Virginians for Life, will leave on Friday, January 24, 2020 from the JC Penney parking lot at the Morgantown Mall at 4:00 a.m. It will return there on the same day at around 11:00 p.m. A Congressional meeting is planned for 10:00 a.m. in Rayburn HOB room 2168. The cost is \$15 a person or \$30 for a family of 3 or more. Call 304-594-9845 for mandatory bus reservations. **Reservation deadline is January 17.** Checks need made payable to WVFL-Mon County Chapter and mailed to PO Box 1479, Morgantown, WV 26507-1479

**Parish Membership & Benefits:**

To be considered an “active” member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Active Parishioner Rate of tuition” at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, the children **MUST** attend weekend Mass. Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

**Knights of Columbus Retreat**

Members of the Knights Council #1415 (active or not) are invited to a retreat Friday, January 31 through Sunday February 2 at Mary Help of Christians Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, WV. The cos of the retreat is approximately \$120 per person. If interested, please contact J. J. Jordan at 304-517-8091.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Victory 379**

**Next Meeting: January 20  
6:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick Church**

All members are urged to bring a potential new member to our next meeting. If you are interested in joining the Daughters but don't personally know any of the members, please come to the next meeting!

The Catholic Daughters are women of Faith under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, glorifying the Lord, and serving others! The Court is not exclusive to parishioners of St. Patrick Church. Members can be from any parish that does not have a court. Yearly dues are \$30. Checks can be made payable to CDA 379 and mailed to P. O. Box 764, Weston, WV 26452

**10th Anniversary CD's Available**

CD's are still available of Fr. DeViese's 10th Anniversary Mass in June. Call 304-269-3048 to request your copy.

**Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass**

January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 7: Feria  
 January 8: Feria  
 January 9: Feria I  
 January 10: Feria  
 January 11: St. Hyginus  
 January 12: Holy Family

**January Overview**

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first twelve days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

This is a time of growth and an opportunity to allow the dignity of Sunday to shine forth prolonging the joy of Easter and Pentecost. Besides those previously mentioned the month's major feasts include: Mary Mother of God (January 1), St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen (January 2), Holy Name of Jesus (January 3), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4), St. Andre Bessette (January 6), St. Raymond of Penafort (January 7), St. Anthony, abbot (January 17), Sts. Fabian and Sebastian (January 20), St. Agnes (January 21), St. Vincent of Saragossa (January 23), St. Francis de Sales (January 24), the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25), St. Angela Merici (January 27), St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28) and St. John Bosco (January 31).

The feasts of St. John Neumann (January 5) and Sts. Timothy and Titus (January 26), are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

**Mass Intentions**

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a “Mass Intention” envelope and placed in the collection basket or given to the priest or the appropriate person at your parish. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a “first-come, first-serve” basis.

**Now is the time to make your requests for specific dates in the upcoming year. Please get your requests to the appropriate person at your parish.**

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