

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week...*

## Bread Baking Guild

Are you interested  
in joining  
this ministry?  
*ALL are Welcome*

## Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to  
the calendar: email  
stthomassooffice  
@googlegroups.com

## Holy Grafitti

Have you  
chalked your  
door yet?



There has been home baked bread when the people of St. Thomas's gather around the 10:30 communion table since the early 1980s. The recipe we use was developed by a former parishioner and has rarely been altered since then.

The recipe is very accessible for experienced bakers as well as folks who are learning how to make bread. The tools used are also easy to come by. Most of them are probably already in your kitchen.

Our bakers range in age from 6 to 80+. We welcome everyone who is interested in learning how to produce the loaves for the congregation. We will even offer instruction if necessary. We'll also supply the cutters to make sure the loaves are always the same size and shape.

If you're interested speak with Fr. Howie or Sally Price.  
ALL are Welcome to join in this important ministry!

*The bread baking guild would loaf to welcome you!  
The recipe is shared on a knead to know basis.  
It is a rewarding way to be involved;  
are you bready to take the wisk this year and join in?*

From the Epiphany and continuing for days to come, more and more Episcopalians are joining other Christians around the world in writing this ancient yet ever-changing formula on their doors:

*20+C+M+B+20*

The numbers, letters and symbols have been called "holy graffiti," and some people suggest the combination looks like the start of an algebraic equation.

The letters C, M, B come from the traditional names for the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, whose arrival at Mary and Joseph's home is celebrated on the Epiphany. The letters are also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "May Christ bless this dwelling." The first and last numbers refer to the current year, and the plus signs in between represent the cross.

Europeans have chalked their doors as part of Epiphany house blessings for centuries, especially Roman Catholics. The practice has become popular in the United States only relatively recently. The Episcopal Church recognized the practice two years ago. When the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music revised the Book of Occasional Services in 2018, the editors included chalking the door for the first time. They wanted to respect how the tradition had caught on among individual Episcopalians and their congregations, according to the Rev. Paul Fromberg, a member of the commission.

**It's a reminder that this is a home of refuge, it's a home of love, it's a home of Christ for you to come into. And, it's not only for the guests who come into our homes; it's a reminder to us when we come home that we have a home, that we have a refuge.**

Fr Howie blessed and passed out chalk at the services last Sunday. If you have questions or would like a piece of chalk, see Fr Howie.



Reminder: A New Service starts this week!  
This Wednesday, 1/15, at noon,  
please join us for the new service of  
Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist.

# PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation  
9:00am (GH) Finance Update  
-with DOUGHnuts  
9:15am (U) Nursery  
9:30am (U) Children's Worship  
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with Holy Baptism  
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship  
1:00pm CREW Faith & Family  
UD Basketball Game  
2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513  
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, January 13

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA  
7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, January 14

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA  
4:30pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513  
6:30pm (P) Finance Meeting  
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance  
8:00pm (U) KIS AA

Wednesday, January 15

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA  
10:30am (C) Lectionary Bible Study  
12:00pm (N) Intercessory Prayer  
with Holy Eucharist  
4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty  
5:45pm (P) Centering Prayer  
8:30pm (GH,K) S College Speakers AA

Thursday, January 16

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA  
7:30pm (MR) St Gregory's Choir

Friday, January 17

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA  
12:00pm (P) Al-Anon  
6:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 778  
6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, January 18

1:00pm (GH) Girl Scout Troop 718

Sunday, January 19

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation  
9:15am (C) Novel Theology  
9:15am (U) Nursery  
9:30am (U) Children's Worship  
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship  
2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513  
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

(C) Classroom	(MR) Music Room
(GH) Great Hall	(U) Undercroft
(N) Nave	(BO) Business Office
(P) Parlor	(RO) Rector's Office