



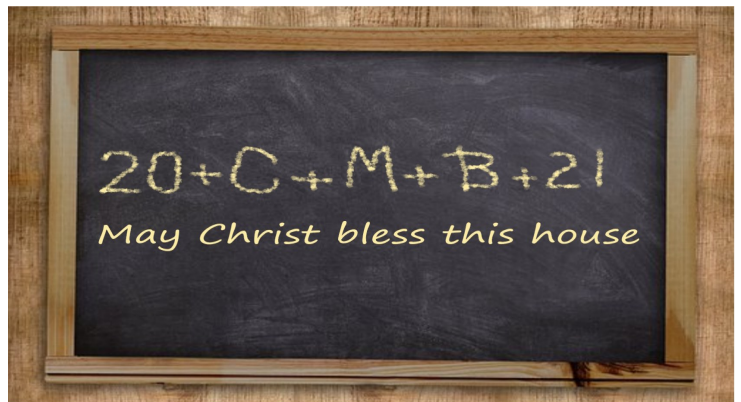
## Seeking the King

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany which literally means, in Greek, manifestation. Epiphany celebrates that the Incarnation is now made manifest, that is known to all the world by the light of a star and the coming of the Magi. As the Magi come and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they represent all the world being called to Bethlehem to worship Christ and find the salvation he came to bring.

The Magi, whose arrival we celebrate on this Epiphany, had to choose to respond to the manifestation of God they experienced in the light of the star and find Christ. We need to respond to the manifestations of God in our lives as well. Just like the Magi, it is not always easy to go outside our own comfort zones and seek out the Lord, but when God makes known to us His Son we need to respond as well.

Epiphany reminds us that when we seek out Christ to worship Him in our lives, like the three kings, our efforts will be rewarded.

*-Fr. John*



## Blessing Our Homes in 2021

Each year around the feast of the Epiphany, many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under His protection.

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes originally followed a tradition where priests would visit each home in their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany. Over time as parishes became larger, it became an accepted tradition that a member of the household would lead this blessing in place of the priest while using the blessed chalk.

This year we are giving out blessed chalk at

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### Liturgical Calendar

#### **January 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
- Religious

#### **January 5<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Neumann -  
Bishop

#### **January 6<sup>th</sup>**

St. Andrew Bessette -  
Religious

#### **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

St. Raymond of  
Penyafort - Priest

all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan 3rd). Take it home and mark your inner door or lintel like this: break up the numbers of the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. This year it should say,

20+ C+M+B+21

with the "20" being the millennium and century, the "C" standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the "M" standing for Melchior, the "B" standing for Balthasar, and the "21" standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials stand for, "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" ("Christ bless this house.")

May Christ bless all the homes of CCASTA throughout the year of 2021.

### **Gratitude for Your Generosity to Adopt-a-Family**

Thank you for your generosity with our Adopt a Family Project! Gifts were delivered to 89 members of our community, and we were able to create more than 100 boxes of food. We were also able to provide Elkridge Landing Middle School with 20 gift cards to ensure their low income students could have a gift, and we are now able to distribute food and gifts to those who contact the St. Vincent de Paul team for help.

There are so many in need at this time of year, and your generosity has helped many in our community.

God bless you,  
the CCASTA St Vincent de Paul ministry



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **St. Augustine**

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon - 7:00 PM

#### **Ascension**

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon - 7:00 PM

### **TAX STATEMENTS**

If you would like a statement of your contributions to CCASTA for the year 2020, please contact the office at (410) 796-1520.

These statements aren't sent automatically.

*If you contribute through Faith Direct, you will receive your statement through them.*

### **Our Prayer Intention for January:**

*For the dignity and sanctity of all human life.*

Your prayers are crucial to becoming a mission-driven active community!



### **CRAB CAKE DINNER**

**Curbside Pickup Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**From 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Brewer Hall**

**4601 Maple Ave., Halethorpe, MD 21227**

#### **Dinner includes:**

2 jumbo lump crab cakes, seasoned red potatoes, coleslaw and a dessert. \$25.00 each.

**Place orders by Monday, January 4 at [www.ccasta.org/crabcake-dinner](http://www.ccasta.org/crabcake-dinner)**

### Food Donation Blitz

On Saturday, January 16, our CCASTA St Vincent de Paul ministry will host a one-hour food donation collection at 5 locations near our campuses.

The donations should be non-perishable food and household items like pasta and sauce, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, canned fruit & vegetables, and household needs like toothpaste, diapers, and wipes. All the details will be in next week's bulletin.

### Hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The Legion of Mary Ministry CCASTA is making available the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to anyone wishing to host her in their home for a 2-week period. We ask that while hosting the statue you pray a rosary daily for peace in the world and any other intentions you may have. All Our Blessed Mother asks is that you pray with her for peace and she will bless you.

To find out more, contact Paul Peyla [Peyla@verizon.net](mailto:Peyla@verizon.net) 443-636-1459

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

This year CCASTA follows the Archdiocese of Baltimore in determining when churches and schools close. If the AOB decides to close, we will not have daily Mass or any day or evening activities. Weather permitting, offices will still open at 11:00 AM.

We will post any updates or changes on our website regarding office openings as the morning progresses.

*\*Schools opening late will not affect our daily Mass schedule or office hours.*

**On Weekends\*:** Closures will be announced by the Archdiocese.

We will send out a Flocknote, post announcements on [ccasta.org](http://ccasta.org), and on social media.

*\*When traveling is dangerous, there is never an obligation to attend Mass.*

### Prayers for Our Sick

If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, please contact Ascension at 410-242-2292 or St. Augustine 410-796-1520 to request a person to be added to the prayer list. Names will appear in the next bulletin and be entered into our Book of Prayer in front of the Mary Altar at each church.

This week we are praying for  
Desmond Young, Jr. and Tim Hentz

*Please also pray for all of our faithful departed, especially  
Margaret Marie Lehr and Joseph E. Smith*



**WE ARE STILL  
LIVE-STREAMING  
SUNDAY MASS**

(and daily Tuesdays &  
Thursdays @ 9 AM)

Join us Sunday,  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 10:45 AM  
and

Sun., January 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:30 AM  
on our website  
(CCASTA.org)



**Do You Know  
Someone Who  
Needs Prayers?**

Our Parish Prayer Circle  
prays for your needs and  
special intentions.  
To place a petition or  
join those praying,  
contact Frank Stanitski  
at 410-796-4582 or  
Frank.stanitski@verizon  
.net



**God's Little Kids**

Do you have a toddler or preschooler?  
God's Little Kids can't meet in person right now,  
BUT

We have a monthly newsletter full of fun  
faith-based ways to share our Catholic faith with little ones

To receive your monthly newsletter...

Email Cathy Carlin at [cathy@ccasta.org](mailto:cathy@ccasta.org)

And we look forward to meeting you in person soon!

**Check out January's Children's Liturgy of the Word!**

We're posting a Children's Liturgy of the Word video for  
Epiphany, January 3rd, and Baptism of the Lord, January 10th,  
on the parish website on the Family & Children's Ministry page

**We're still hosting baptism prep and baptizing!**



You can join us **online** for baptism prep!

Register here: <https://www.ccasta.org/baptism-classes>

To schedule a baptism celebration or have any questions, contact Cathy  
[cathy@ccasta.org](mailto:cathy@ccasta.org) or 410-796-8150

**Coming in 2021 - Baptism Birthday Parties!**

If your child was baptized between October 2019 and April 2020 watch  
for your invitation to our spring party



**Are You Expecting a Baby?**

We'd love to rejoice with you by sending you our  
Expectant Parent Gift Pack  
Would you like to be included  
on our Expectant Parent Prayer List?  
Contact Cathy Carlin at [cathy@ccasta.org](mailto:cathy@ccasta.org)  
or 410-796-8150 for either or both.

**Prayers for New Life**

Please pray for our expectant parents  
and their babies

Allison & Joe Lambert

March 17th

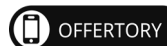
Jennifer & John Cary

Twins in April 2021



## We Have a New Giving Option

CCASTA has a QR code for touchless donations to our offertory and poor box. If you are not already set up with electronic funds transfer or weekly envelopes, scanning this code on your smart phone will bring you directly to our giving site.



### MIDWAY

#### CORE TEAM PLANNING MEETING

January 10, 2021

6:00-7:00 PM - BURKE WING

#### JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>

#### MIDWAY NEW YEAR SOCIAL DISTANCE MOVIE NIGHT

6:00 - 8:00 PM St. Augustine Hall

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 so RSVP soon to [bob@ccasta.org](mailto:bob@ccasta.org)

### LIFE TEEN

#### Core Team Planning Meeting

January 10, 2021

7:15 - 8:15 PM Burke Wing

#### LIFE TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

#### MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETINGS

January 31<sup>st</sup> Burke Wing

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00 - 7:15 PM

HIGH SCHOOL 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Contact [Bob@ccasta.org](mailto:Bob@ccasta.org)

### **ATTENTION MIDWAY AND LIFE TEEN PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

**Midway and Life Teen** will meet monthly from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall with social distancing. **ALSO**, adult chaperones needed to just hang out and help keep the peace. Contact [bob@ccasta.org](mailto:bob@ccasta.org) for more information.

### BECOMING CATHOLIC WELCOMES ALL

Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Burke Wing at St. Augustine School

All are welcome. Remember your mask.

January 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity

January 11<sup>th</sup> Morality

Contact Bob Sutliff with questions at [bob@ccasta.org](mailto:bob@ccasta.org) or 410-242-2292



### Our Daily Bread

#### Casserole

#### Collections

### Ascension Campus

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> on Ascension parking lot (Maple Avenue side)

7:30AM-8:45AM

Questions? Contact

Yvonne Loverde

410-850-0688 or

Yvonneloverde

@gmail.com

### St Augustine

#### Campus

Sat., January 23<sup>rd</sup> on the back parking lot from

9:00AM-10:00AM

Questions?

Robin 410-768-4617

nurcc2@aol.com

Dawn 410-796-0972

dawnweglein

@yahoo.com

**Stewardship  
& Finances**

*December  
26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>*

Offertory:  
\$7,438.00

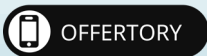
Offertory Loose:  
\$3,048.00

Second  
Collection:  
\$1,157.00

Poor Box:  
\$635.46

Christmas:  
\$28,325.00

Electronic Funds  
To be Updated



Mass

Attendance

Christmas: 1276  
Weekend: 652

Second  
Collection

January 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>  
will be for the  
Care for Aging &  
Infirm Priests.

**Mass Celebrants & Intentions**

CELEBRANT	TIME	INTENTION
<b><u>ASCENSION</u></b>		
<b><u>Sun. January 3</u></b>		
Fr. John Williamson .....	8:15 AM.....	Parishioners
Fr. Bill Spacek .....	10:30 AM.....	Carl E. Bernhardt
<b><u>Tues. January 5</u></b> ..... 9:00 AM..... James Sczepanski		
<b><u>Thurs. January 7</u></b> ..... 9:00 AM..... Frank Luca		
<b><u>Sat. January 9</u></b>		
Fr. John Williamson .....	4:00 PM.....	John Forgacs
<b><u>Sun. January 10</u></b>		
Fr. Marty Hammond *DTA.....	8:15 AM.....	Mary Libertini
Fr. John Williamson *DTA.....	<b>10:30 AM**</b> .....	Parishioners
<b><u>ST. AUGUSTINE</u></b>		
<b><u>Sun. January 3</u></b>		
Fr. Marty Hammond .....	7:30 AM.....	Edward Lizardo
Fr. Marty Hammond .....	9:15 AM.....	Carl E. Bernhardt
Fr. John Williamson .....	<b>10:45 AM**</b> .....	Stanley Plociennik
Fr. John Williamson .....	12:15 PM.....	Parishioners
Fr. John Williamson .....	5:00 PM.....	Betty Mastroinni
<b><u>Mon. January 4</u></b> ..... 7:00 AM..... Bernard Topper		
<b><u>Wed. January 6</u></b> ..... 7:00 AM..... Thomas Ryan Broderick, Jr.		
<b><u>Fri. January 8</u></b> ..... 7:00 AM..... Carole & Mark Sellman - Intentions		
<b><u>Sat. January 9</u></b>		
Fr. Bill Spacek .....	5:00 PM.....	Carolyn Fitzsimmons
<b><u>Sun. January 10</u></b>		
Fr. John Williamson *DHA.....	7:30 AM.....	Phyllis Leaf
Fr. John Williamson *DHA.....	9:15 AM.....	Kevin Matthew Keating
Fr. Bill Spacek .....	10:45 AM.....	Lorrayne Anderson
Fr. Marty Hammond .....	12:15 PM.....	William Kratz
Fr. Marty Hammond *DHA.....	5:00 PM.....	Helen St John

**\*\* Masses will continue to be live streamed 9:00 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays and alternate between the Ascension 10:30 AM and St. Augustine 10:45 AM on Sundays.**

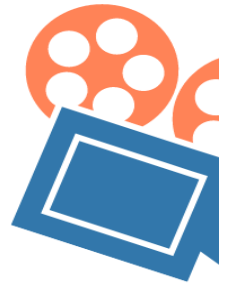
\*Deacon Trey Hayden Assisting - DHA, \*Deacon Trey Hayden Preaching - DHP  
\*Deacon Tom Yannuzzi Assisting - DTA, \*Deacon Tom Yannuzzi Preaching - DTP



# MIDWAY MOVIE NIGHT!



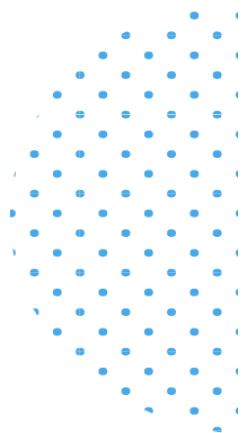
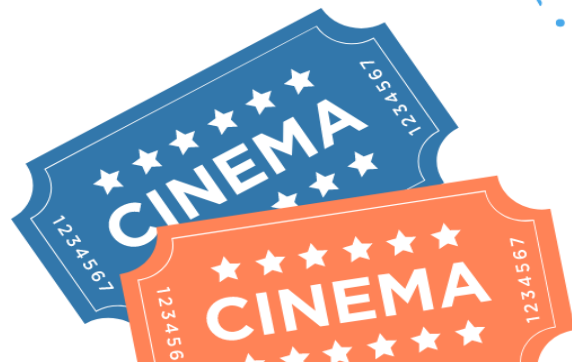
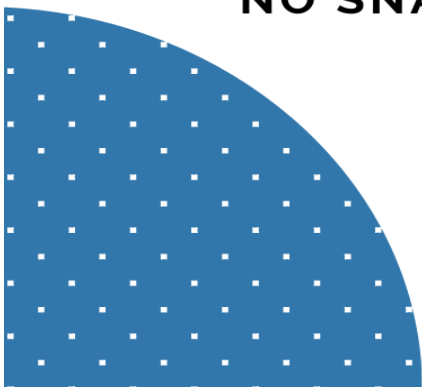
JANUARY 17TH 6:00 TO 8:00 PM  
ST. AUGUSTINE HALL



RSVP ASAP TO [BOB@CCASTA.ORG](mailto:BOB@CCASTA.ORG)  
BY JANUARY 13TH

**WEATHER & COVID PERMITTING**

**SPACE LIMITED TO 25 DUE TO COVID  
NO SNACKS OR DRINKS ALLOWED**





**CCASTA LIFE TEEN PRESENTS:**

# *Movie Night St. Augustine Hall*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

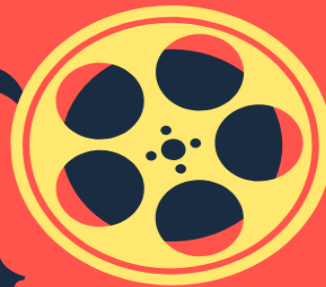
**6:00-8:00 PM**

**WEATHER AND COVID PERMITTING**

SPACE LIMITED TO 25 SOCIAL DISTANCING

MUST RSVP ASAP TO [bob@ccasta.org](mailto:bob@ccasta.org)  
BY JANUARY 20th

NO SNACKS OR DRINKS  
PERMITTED DURING MOVIE





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### Ascension Church

4603 Poplar Avenue  
Halethorpe, MD 21227  
Phone: 410-242-2292

### MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:15 AM

10:30 AM

Tues. & Thurs 9:00 AM

### Holy Days

12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 PM

### St. Augustine Church

5976 Old Washington Rd  
Elkridge, MD 21075  
Rectory: 410-796-1520  
Fax: 410-796-8172  
Mass Schedule: ext. 4  
Holy Day Masses: ext. 5

### MASSES

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 7:30 AM

9:15AM, 10:45 AM

12:15PM, 5:00 PM

Mon, Wed, Fri: 7:00 AM

### Holy Days

Vigil: 7:00 PM

6:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 PM

### **St Augustine School:**

410-796-3040

[www.staug-md.org](http://www.staug-md.org)