

*St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Lancaster, NY
January 8, 2017*



Family activity # 11

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany on the first Sunday after New Year. When you come to Mass, you will receive blessed chalk and instructions for a house blessing.

Activity # 1 As a family, take time to celebrate the Epiphany. Find a time when all family members are present. Using the blessed chalk and the prayer from Church (probably found in the bulletin), bless your home and also mark each of the door frames with C + M + B + 2017. (. . . or go to the usccb website and type “house blessing” in the search box at the upper right.)

Journal entry: Have one member of your family write about when you did the blessing, who was present and what it was like to do this.

Activity # 2 The feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas Season. Usually, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. This year, it falls on Monday, January 14th.

As a family, with children 4th grade and up, watch the you tube clip: *You tube – God’s story – John the Baptist (4 min 7 sec)*

With children below 4th grade, watch the following video: *You tube – Tell me the Story – (2 min 22 sec)*

Journal Entry: What did you learn about John the Baptist? What happened when John the Baptist baptized Jesus? What is a lesson you can learn for your own life?

Activity # 3 – St. John Neumann CSSR

Each year, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John Neumann on January 5th. Our Parish has a history with St. John Neumann.

1. Watch this clip together: *You tube – St. John Neumann – Jon Hansen (4 min 6 sec)*
2. Go to the parish website. Under home, go to history, and read the article

Journal Entry: What did you learn about St. John Neumann? What does he have to do with your parish? There is a statue of St. John Neumann in the Parish Center Chapel. Look at it during your next family program gathering.