The Celebration of the Eucharist:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 12:00 pm (Adult Choir) and 7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard in the church on Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and during the week at the Parish House or by appointment with a priest

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to their wedding date to begin their marriage preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Parishioners, especially those who are entering the hospital, who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Exposition:

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Novenas:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday after each Mass.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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March for Life

The annual March for Life marking the 42nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States through the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision of the Supreme Court will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2015. This year more than 45 buses from the Archdiocese of New York will be travelling to Washington, D.C. Please join this pilgrimage and gather with hundreds of thousands of people from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A Manhattan bus sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office will be leaving from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 W 51st Street (between 9th and 10th Avenues). Mass at 6:15 am and departure at 7:00 am sharp. The total cost for the trip is \$50 (Check made payable to J&R Tours for \$45 and \$5 cash for pizza). Registration is necessary by calling Sister Shirley at 212-371-1011 x 3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.

Blood Drive

Epiphany Cub Scout Pack 422 is conducting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 4:00—8:30 PM. The New York Blood Center will have a mobile Blood Van parked outside the Parish Hall (Second Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets) during g that time. To schedule an appointment to give blood that day please call 800-933-2566 or online at www.NYbloodcenter.org/blood and use group code 68288. In order to donate you must bring a photo ID, weigh at least 110 pounds, eat well and drink fluids before donating, and have not had a tattoo in the past 12 months. If you have any questions about the requirements for donating blood, please call 800-688-0900. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.

New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register as a member of the parish. This can be done at the Parish Office or by visiting the parish website, www.epiphanychurchnyc.org, and printing out a copy of the registration form which you can return to us. It is important that all parishioners register as members of Epiphany so that we have accurate information as to the number of parishioners for the purpose of the various reports we are required to submit to the Archdiocese. It also facilitates our being able to provide sponsor letters and permissions for baptisms or weddings outside of our parish.

Announced Mass Intentions

Monday, January 12, 2015

8:00 am Lina & Amerigo Fiorini 12.10 pm James Capuano

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

8:00 am Helen P. Brown and the Brown Family 12:10 pm James Capuano

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

8:00 am Mary T. Walsh 12:10 pm Henry Morgan

Thursday, January 15, 2015

8:00 am Carlos Sandiez 12:10 pm Bro. John M. Koczka, SC

Friday, January 16, 2015

8:00 am Lin Shu Yu-Lan 12:10 pm Dr. Hanns Peter Neubert

Saturday, January 17, 2015 St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 am James Capuano

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed
Through the Mercy of God
Rest in Peace.
Amen

Stewardship

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Collection for December 28 ,2014 - \$15,107.00 Collection for January 1, 2015 - \$1,540.00

We encourage parishioners to make their Sunday contribution through *ParishPay* which is available on our parish website, www.epiphanychurchnyc.org.

Day of Prayer and Healing

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Do you wish there was something you could do to help them? There is help and hope available and the pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and heal the wound of abortion. The next "Day of Prayer and Healing" is Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Manhattan.

For confidential registration and more information call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or send an email to hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.

For additional information on tristate retreats you can visit Lumina Hope and Healing at www.postabortionhelp.org and you can also visit the Archdiocese's Family Life /Respect Life Office Project Rachel website at nyfamilylife.org/project-Rachel/.

Epiphany Annual Appeal

We have received to date \$40,800 from 241 families and individuals in our Annual Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are available in the church narthex. We hope to realize at least \$50,000 from this effort and we are close. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, please give some prayerful thought as to how you will be able to participate.

From the Pastor

Today, with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season comes to a close. These past weeks since December 25th have been joyous ones for our parish, especially since during this time we celebrate our patronal feast and the anniversary of our parish. This year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany we marked our 147th year.

One sad note during this season was the death of Sr. Doris Sahyonne who was a member of our pastoral staff for almost 25 years, serving as a religious educator, spiritual director, and director of RCIA. She was called home to the Lord on January 1st. The presence of so many priests, parishioners, and former parish staff at her funeral Mass was a beautiful testimony to the impact she had on Epiphany. A gentle and quiet woman of extraordinary faith and goodness, she bore the cross of illness and pain with great grace during the last years of her life and she will be long remembered by the many people whose lives she touched.

We have received much positive comment about the beauty of our Christmas celebrations. I am extremely grateful to all who helped make this possible. Our sincere thanks to: Bogna McGarrigle, Natalie Pawalek, and the members of our Adult and Children's Choirs for the magnificent music; our school children and parents for the beautiful Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve Family Mass (we had a real baby Jesus this year, who was a girl!); Leo Gonzalez for his hard work in preparing the church for our Christmas celebrations; Joe Torre for his usual superb job in decorating the church; and our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality for their service, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year.

I, along with my brother priests, thank all who sent Christmas cards and goodies to the rectory. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is much appreciated.

I wish to thank all of you who participated in our Annual Appeal. We have just hit the \$40,000 mark. We are still tabulating the Christmas collection and we should have a report for you by next week.

I thank those who took the time and effort to send letters to the Director of Priest Personnel regarding the evaluation process for my appointment to another term as pastor. Some of you were kind enough to send copies of the letters. I was happy to learn of your satisfaction with the parish, as I also hope to learn from some of the critical observations that were made.

As we begin a New Year, let me take this opportunity to express my sincere apologies for any acts of commission or omission on my part that may have upset anyone. I am truly sorry. I hope for your understanding and forgiveness.

Please let us continue to pray for one another.

Sincerely in Christ, Monsignor Ivers

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