

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 Anointing 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Novenas:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday after the 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Masses.

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

Parish House (Rectory):

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February 8, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Church of the Epiphany
February 8, 2015**

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will take place next weekend. Cardinal Dolan writes: "Participation in this collection affords each of us an opportunity to serve as witnesses of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection assist our Holy Father in supporting the victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance...As in the past, I ask that you be as generous as you can possibly be to this year's Peter's Pence collection."

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2015

The 2015 Cardinal's Appeal is under way. Our parish goal this year is \$134,000, the same as last year. In 2014 Epiphany parishioners pledged \$134,460. His Eminence has already written to those who have donated in past years asking for your participation in this year's Appeal. I second his request.

The Archdiocesan goal for 2015 is \$20 million and Epiphany is being asked to raise .0067% of that. This year we are also hoping to increase the level of participation in the Appeal. Last year 309 Epiphany families/individuals contributed to the Appeal. This was approximately a 17% participation level; the rate for the entire Archdiocese was 19%. This year we are hoping that at least 350 families/individuals will contribute to the Appeal, giving us a 20% rate of participation. We are already off to a good start - to date we have received 9 gifts totaling \$7,175 or 5% of our goal.

The funds contributed to the Cardinal's Appeal are used to support many of the pastoral and charitable works of the Archdiocese. The brochure that was enclosed in the mailing you received from Cardinal Dolan outlines the many good things that are accomplished as the result of your generosity.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Cardinal's Appeal in the past and no doubt will do so this year. If you have never given to the Appeal before - remember our participation rate is only 17% - please consider making a gift this year. Contribution envelopes are available in the narthex.

If you use one of these envelopes *please return them either to the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection as we need to add information to them to make sure that Epiphany is credited with your contribution.*

Announced Mass Intentions

Monday, February 9, 2015

8:00 am Special Intention for St. Anthony
12:10 pm Carmen R. Isla

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 am Sandra H. Acerno (Anniversary
on 02/07)
12:10 pm Gerard O'Connor

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick

8:00 am Charles Antonoff
12:10 pm Gertrude M.S. Walsh

Thursday, February 12, 2015

8:00 am Lawrence Meagher
12:10 pm Margarita Stober

Friday, February 13, 2015

8:00 am Raul Diomampo
12:10 pm Katie McLynskey

Saturday, February 14, 2015

St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop

8:00 am James Capuano

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

Stewardship

The way we offer our thanks to God
by sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

Collection for February 1, 2015 - \$11,753.00

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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. On that day we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 12:10 pm Mass.

The Sacrament of the Sick is a sacrament of healing, received by those who are ill or suffering; it is not just the immediate preparation for death. We hope that a sick person will receive this sacrament long before an illness becomes or life threatening.

Any person above the age of reason who has an acute or chronic *serious* illness, who is about to enter the hospital for surgery or a medical procedure, who suffers from addiction, mental illness or depression, or who is experiencing the debilitating effects of advanced age may receive this sacrament.

If you have any doubts as to whether or not you are a candidate to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the rectory and ask to speak with one of the priests who can help you decide.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, February 18, 2015 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Masses and at Prayer Services at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

2014 Contribution Records

By now parishioners who use the envelope system or ParishPay to make their contributions to the church should have received their 2014 statement. Those who use the Sunday envelopes are sent a letter in the mail from the D.P. Murphy Company, who manage the envelope system for us, with the amount of your annual contribution. *Statements are mailed only to parishioners who gave \$250 or more as this is what the IRS requires; contributions below \$250 do not have to be substantiated.* Parishioners using ParishPay were sent an email containing their statement; you can also access your account online and print a statement yourself.

We wish to remind you that the only way we can substantiate contributions is by using either the envelope system or ParishPay. We cannot substantiate cash contributions or checks that are not placed in the envelope with your name, address, and envelope number on it. This issue comes up every year when people call and inquire as to why they have not received a contribution statement. Very often this is the reason. If for some reason you do not receive your envelopes in the mail (they are mailed bimonthly), all you need to do is place your contribution in a plain envelope, making sure that you write your envelope number on the envelope. This number is crucial in the process of recording your gifts.

If you have any questions about your statement for 2014, please call the parish office (212-475-1966) and we will assist you as best we can.

Men's Conference

The Archdiocese of New York is hosting its First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University in the Bronx. With over 500 expected to attend, this day long event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Arch-diocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. Speakers will include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former New York Jets defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. To register or for more information about this exciting event, visit www.nymensconference.com or call Kim Quatela at 646-794-3198. Registration is underway.

Pope Francis on Fathers

Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the family last Wednesday reflecting on the important role of fathers. The Pope began his address by noting that the word *father* is important for Christians because it is the name by which Jesus taught us to call God. "The meaning of this name has received a new depth just from the way in which Jesus used it to address God and manifest his special relationship with Him," he said. "The blessed mystery of the intimacy of God, Father, Son and Spirit, revealed by Jesus, is the heart of our Christian faith."

Reflecting on the symbolic role of the father, Pope Francis lamented its degreasing role in today's society and the increasing absence of the presence of the father in a child's life.

"Even as bishop of Buenos Aires," the Pope recalled, "I warned of this sense of orphanhood that children live today. And I regularly asked fathers if they played with their children; if they had the courage to have the love to waste time with their children. The answer wasn't good, eh! The majority would say 'But I can't because I have so much work to do...' And the father was absent from that child that was growing up and didn't play with him, he didn't waste time with him"

The 78 year old Pontiff called on the Christian community to be more attentive to their children, saying that the absence of the father causes gaps and wounds that over time can be serious.

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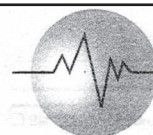


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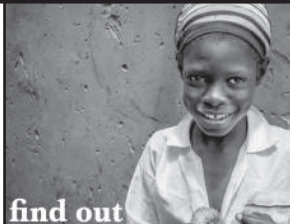
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