

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 22, 2015
First Sunday of Lent

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Lenten Study Course

Father Golino will conduct a study program on the Blessed Virgin Mary during Lent. It will look at Mary as she is presented to us in Sacred Scripture, the writings of the Church Fathers, and Papal documents. The course will also touch on Marian devotion, Marian apparitions, and miracles attributed to the Blessed Mother. The course will meet on 5 Mondays during Lent - February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23 in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 pm. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office (212-475-1966) in order to register.

Lenten Holy Hours

There will be a Holy Hour each Thursday of Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 19th, from 11:00 am until 12 Noon, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a brief reflection on a spiritually related topic at each of the Holy Hours. The reflection this week will be on Pope Francis' Lenten Message. You can read it in advance by visiting the Vatican website, www.vatican.va. In the upper right corner, click on English; under the picture of the pope click on Messages; under Messages click on Lent 2015.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the church beginning on February 20th. The one exception will be Friday, March 27th; there will be a Taize Lenten Prayer Service that evening.

Parishioners Helping Parishioners (PHP)

We wish to remind you of this parish outreach ministry that came about as a result of the feedback from parishioners when we conducted the survey as part of *Making All Things New*. PHP consists of parish volunteers who have been screened and trained to provide services to the homebound of Epiphany parish such as escorts to doctor appointments, light shopping, friendly visits, telephone reassurance calls, and other needs that can be accommodated. If you or someone you know can benefit from PHP, you can fill out an inquiry form that is available in the church narthex or the parish office, call the PHP help line at 646-429-9541 or send an e-mail to EpiphanyPHP@gmail.com. A PHP volunteer will then be in touch with you.

Living the Eucharist

We will be using a series developed by Paulist Evangelization Ministries called *Living the Eucharist* this Lent. There will be a handout each Sunday that will be available in the narthex. The purpose of this series is create in us a deeper appreciation of the central role the Eucharist plays in our lives. We hope you will use it as a part of your Lenten practice of prayer and reflection.

Announced Mass Intentions

Monday, February 23, 2015

8:00 am James Joseph Branco II
12:10 pm Louis Pappalardo

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

8:00 am Philip Caffrey
12:10 pm Audrey Daiuta (Living)

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

8:00 am George Rudd
12:10 pm Bryan Paul Senanayake

Thursday, February 26, 2015

8:00 am Peter Thomas
12:10 pm Giuseppe Astorina

Friday, February 27, 2015

8:00 am Crisfanny Pelaez (Living)
12:10 pm Hannah Maguire

Saturday, February 21, 2015

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

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

Stewardship

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Collection for February 15, 2015 - \$11,327.00

We encourage parishioners to make their Sunday
contribution through *ParishPay* which is available on
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The Cardinal's Annual Appeal **2015**

To date we have received \$32,385 in pledges (\$22,575 paid) from 68 families and individuals toward our parish goal of \$134,000 for the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal. This represents 24% of our goal.

In past years we have always managed to reach our goal, but our rate of participation (the number of parishioners who contribute to the Appeal) has been rather low, under 20%. This year we are hoping for a 25% participation rate for Epiphany.

A major reason why we reach our goal is that our parish is blessed with a small number of people who are incredibly generous; our largest gift last year was \$5,000. Obviously not everyone can give at this level, *but everyone can give something*. And this is what we are hoping for this year, that everyone will make a contribution, no matter what it is. If this happens, we will not only make our goal but we will surpass it.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so within the next few weeks. One of the traditional spiritual practices of Lent is almsgiving, along with prayer and fasting. Perhaps a sacrificial gift to the Cardinal's Appeal can be your almsgiving for this Lent.

Parishioners who have received a pledge card in the mail can either mail their contribution directly to the Appeal Office, or you can drop it off at the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, contribution envelopes for the Appeal are available in the church narthex. Please return these envelopes either at the office or in the collection basket to insure that Epiphany will be credited with your donation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Reflecting on the Gospel

First Sunday of Lent

How often do we make a remark that we wish we could take back? How often do we regret not doing something that we could have done? In both these cases and many more we regret choices we have made. Temptations to speak and act in certain ways force us to make choices, even if simply a choice to think before we speak or act. We would like to imagine that we can walk away from temptations and protect ourselves from having to make choices, especially when the temptation is serious and the choice difficult. But even walking away from temptation is a choice. We cannot avoid temptation in our lives. Nor can we avoid choices. Even Jesus had to face temptations, as this Sunday's gospel indicates. What we learn from him is how to make faithful choices in face of temptations. We also learn from him what effect our choices have on us and on others.

Mark's version of the temptation in the desert is short and to the point. He does not relay the details of Jesus' experience of temptation, but he does show its outcome: Jesus boldly enters Galilee proclaiming, "This is the time ... Repent and believe." Temptations always force us to make a choice. Jesus' choice is to take up his saving mission. What is our temptation? What is our choice? These are *the* questions of Lent. They are the questions those of us who are baptized into Christ must constantly ask if we wish to participate in his saving mission, proclaiming by the choices we make that the Gospel determines who we are and how we act.

Confronting temptation and overcoming the sinfulness that keeps us from righteous Christian living is a necessary first step for faithful baptismal living. We must turn from sinfulness before we can do our part to continue Jesus' mission. Since repentance, forgiveness, and belief are so central to Christian living, proclaiming the Gospel at least means that we turn from our sinful ways, forgive others, and express our belief by saying yes to God's will for us. None of this is easy to do, which is why proclaiming the Gospel is a life long mission. The most eloquent proclamation of the Gospel is the witness of the way we live.

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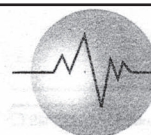


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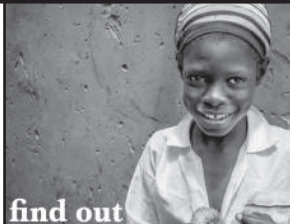
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