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*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

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**April 12, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

## **Church of the Epiphany– April 12, 2015**

### **Flocknotes**

**Flocknotes** is a way in which our parish uses electronic media to keep in touch with parishioners. It is easy for you to sign up. On your smart phone send a text message to **84576** and follow the instructions on how to subscribe. You can also visit our parish at [www.flocknote.com/epiphanynyc](http://www.flocknote.com/epiphanynyc). We use this platform to communicate information about special events or in case of any type of emergency. We have over 1,000 members already. If you are not a member, please consider becoming part of our *Flocknote* family.

### **Save the Date**

The Glee Club of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick will perform their annual concert at Epiphany on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm in our church. Admission is free. Please plan on hearing this world renowned group perform some of your favorite Irish tunes.

### **Annual Golden Jubilee Celebration**

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Masses on either Saturday, June 20, 2015 or Sunday, June 21st at St. Patrick's Cathedral; both Mass times are at 2:00 pm. Registration for this Mass is required. You can call the Parish Office at 212-475-1966 or send an email to [epiphanychurch239@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanychurch239@gmail.com). We will need to know the names of the jubilee couple and the date and name of the church where the wedding took place. The deadline to register is Tuesday, May 19th.

### **Girl Scout Cookies**

Our Epiphany Daisy Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies next Sunday, April 19th, in the narthex after the 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. Please support our girls, and satisfy your sweet tooth, by buying a box (or two)!

### **Theology on Tap**

On April 20, 2015 Theology on Tap-NYC will present its final talk for the season, Mr. Jean Pierre Seon, a seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary, will give a presentation entitled "Is America Listening to Pope Francis?" He will talk about our Holy Father's upcoming visit to NY City in September but will also address whether or not Americans are listening to the Pope and how Americans may differ with him on key issues. The presentation begins at 7:30 pm and concludes around 9:00 pm. The location is Connolly's Bar, 121 West 45th Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues) on the third floor. For more information send an email to [questions@totnyc.org](mailto:questions@totnyc.org).

## Announced Mass Intentions

### ***Monday, April 13, 2015***

8:00 am Joan Halpin  
12:10 pm The Radojevic Family

### ***Tuesday, April 14, 2015***

8:00 am Easter Novena  
12:10 pm Isabelle, Lou, and Peter  
Mugavero

### ***Wednesday, April 15, 2015***

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh  
12:10 pm James A. Verlin

### ***Thursday, April 16, 2015***

8:00 am Mary T. Walsh  
12:10 pm Celedonio Tolete

### ***Friday, April 17, 2015***

8:00 am David E. Davis  
12:10 pm Easter Novena

### ***Saturday, April 18, 2015***

8:00 am Randy Maroney (Living)

*May the Souls of the  
Faithful Departed  
Rest in Peace.  
Amen. Alleluia!*

## **Stewardship**

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Palm Sunday—\$12,429.00  
Holy Land—\$2,577.00  
Easter—\$23,940.00

## **The Cardinal's Annual Appeal** **2015**

We are making sure and steady progress toward reaching our parish goal of **\$134,000** for the Cardinal's Appeal. Our latest update shows that **177** families and individuals have contributed **\$94,855** which represents **71%** of our goal. Of this amount, **\$64,845** has already been paid. The 177 gifts we have received represents a **10%** participation rate for the parish.

Although we are doing well at this point, we still have some work ahead of us to reach our goal, which we consistently have done over the years. We are slightly behind where we were at this point in the Appeal last year.

The key to success this year will be to increase the number of people in the parish who contribute to the Appeal. We are doing so well thus far because a number of parishioners have been extraordinarily generous. Our largest gift has been \$7,000 along with a \$5,000 gift and a number of gifts at the \$1,000 level. Not everyone has the means to be this generous, ***but all of us are able to give something. Every contribution counts and many small gifts add up.***

We have approximately \$40,000 to go in order to reach our goal. We will get there if the more than 1,900 parishioners who received letters from Cardinal Dolan give something. Contribution envelopes are available in the church narthex. You can place your gift to the Appeal in the basket next Sunday.

Thank you very much to those who have brought us to 71% of our goal. And thank you also to those who will be making their gift over the coming weeks.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**Saint Faustina:** Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her *Diary*. St. John Paul II explains:

"This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism, and communism were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one messenger capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, the fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church."

Pope John Paul II, *Memory and Identity*

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** St. Faustina's *Diary* records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (*Diary, no. 699*)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina by Pope John Paul II, he decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**The Image:** Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left hand touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays of light emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that the words "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that this image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (*Diary, no. 48*) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary, no. 687*).

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with the promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (*Diary, no. 1451*). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (*Diary, no. 687*).



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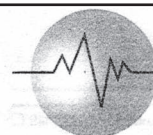


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