

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

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May 10, 2015
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Church of the Epiphany– May 10, 2015

Ascension Thursday

Thursday, May 14, 2015 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, May 13th at 7:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:30 pm.

Anniversary of the Dedication of Epiphany Church

This Sunday we celebrate the 48th Anniversary of the dedication of the “new” Church of the Epiphany. The actual date on which the church was dedicated was May 14, 1967. Liturgical protocol allows us to transfer the celebration to the closest Sunday so that more people will have the chance to participate and we can add a bit more solemnity to the celebration.

To learn more about the story of our church please visit our new website, www.epiphanychurch.nyc.

Mother’s Day

On the church calendar today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, but even more importantly it is Mother’s Day. Today we give thanks to God for those women in our lives who have loved us and cared for us - mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and those who have been like mothers to us. For those who have been called home to the Lord, we pray for them and to them. Mothers never stop loving their children and from heaven they can love us in an even deeper way. For our moms who are still with us, we also pray for them today and hopefully find some tangible way to express our love. We have a gift today for all our moms, a book entitled *Walking With Purpose* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. Lisa is a mother of seven who writes about the key to living a busy life with inner calm.

Blessing for Expectant Families

Next Sunday, May 17, 2015 we will have a special blessing at the 10:00 am Family Mass for all families who are expecting the birth or adoption of a child. We do this twice a year - in Advent and during the month of May. It gives an opportunity for our parish community to recognize the expectant families in our midst and to offer them our prayerful support. We are blessed to have many young families in our parish; their children are the hope and future of our Church and society. What a wonderful thing we do when we lift them up in prayer.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Next weekend Father Ron Mrozinski, representing Cross Catholic Outreach, will preach at all our Masses. Cross Catholic Outreach is an official Catholic ministry founded to help the poor throughout the world. They serve struggling families by providing food, medicine, and other life-saving resources through a network of Catholic partners already in place overseas. Run by priests, sisters, and Catholic lay leaders, these feeding centers, orphanages, schools, clinics, job training centers and home building programs do a world of good. But they need our support. For additional information about this organization please visit www.CrossCatholic.org.

Announced Mass Intentions

Monday, May 11, 2015

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

8:00 am Luisa B. Compas
12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

8:00 am Dr. James D. Brody
12:10 pm Antonia Astorina
7:30 pm Vigil Mass for Ascension Thurs.

Thursday, May 14, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am No
12:10 pm Mass Intentions
7:30 pm Today

Friday, May 15, 2015

8:00 am William Patrick Adams
12:10 pm Joseph Walsh

Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

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

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Ten Tips for Getting More Out of Mass

2. Read the Scripture readings **BEFORE** Mass.

Read all four readings - the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading and the Gospel - ahead of time. They can be found in various publications such as *Magnificat* or *The Word Among Us*; they can also be found at the website USCCB.org/bible, the official website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Just click on the calendar for the upcoming Sunday, and the readings will come up.

Read all four readings on Monday and then again over the course of the week. You might want to invest in a good bible commentary and see what it says for each reading. This will help to draw you more deeply into the context and meaning of the readings. Take advantage of the many free audio and video that are available. That way, if a baby cries or your mind wanders, you need not worry. You will already have studied the day's Scripture and will understand what is being proclaimed.

3. Pack Your Bags

Many people claim they "don't get anything out of Mass," but maybe this is because they fail to bring anything to it. God wants us to bring our issues, stresses, anxieties, fears and concerns - our personal "baggage" - with us to Mass. So check your "bags" at the altar. Bring a special intention with you, someone or something you want to offer up to the Lord on the altar alongside the bread and wine. Remember that at Mass Jesus offers up his very life for you. Are you willing to offer up to him those things that may keep you from following and loving him more perfectly?

May is Mary's Month

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*.)

This custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared that fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit order - by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman college and a bit later was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome, the mother church of the Jesuits and burial place of St. Ignatius Loyola. From there it began to spread to the whole Church. By the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal. May crownings and other special events in May, such as the public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. In the Western Church, the rosary is the preeminent form of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and probably is the most well known and recognized Catholic devotions, even among non Catholics. Children often received their first set of rosary beads when they made their First Holy Communion.

Honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*) characterized it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity.” Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the *Month of Mary* as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. Devotion to Mary was also a hallmark of the papacy of St. John Paul II. He gave us the newest set of mysteries, the Luminous Mysteries which are recited on Thursday.

Let us during the month of May examine the place and role of devotion to the Mother of God in our own spiritual lives.

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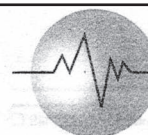
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