#### 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 one year 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:**

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#### WELCOME!

Welcome to all new parishioners and visitors at Epiphany parish. We are happy that you are here with us in the presence of God.

> Remember to send your photos to the rectory or e-mail a photo to epiphanytitus@gmail.com. It helps Fr. Austin in a big way!

#### **Announced Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, Sepember 13,2015

8:00 am Members of Epiphany parish

10.00 am Lorraine Pino Hurley 12:00 pm Armando Osorio

& Liam Choi

#### Monday, September 14, 2015 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Victoria Jaramillo 12.10 pm Hon. J. Courtney

McGroarty

12:10 pm

(45th Anniversary)

#### Tuesday, September 15, 2015 **Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00 am Celedonio Ridon 12:10 pm Joseph Spadaro

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr

St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr 8:00 am Helen O'Dea 12:10 pm Joseph Walsh

Thursday, September 17, 2015 8:00 am Theresa Martire William Lyons

Friday, September 18, 2015

8:00 am Peggy & Seamus Dolan (living)

12:10 pm Anthony Magaldi Saturday, September 19, 2015 8:00 am John J. Kelly Jr.

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00 am Members of Epiphany parish

10.00 am Lorraine Pino Hurley

12:00 pm Joseph Galvin

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

#### Respect Life Sunday at Epiphany October 4

Information about the 3rd Annual Epiphany Life Chain will be announced in our bulletin as soon as it is available.



#### STILL LOVING

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#### Mass Intentions

(Sundays through Nov 22 are now available)

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 /week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week) which burns to indicate Christ's presence

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.



Sundays Masses from today through Nov 22 are now available to be reserved for loved ones, living and deceased, and for special intentions.

Our 8 AM Sunday Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of our parishioners. The 4 pm, 10 am, 12 pm & 7:30 pm Masses are available for reservation.

#### **Prayer Petitions**

A list of petitions for loved ones and friends, living and deceased, will be displayed in the Saints Alcove each week. Please call the rectory by Friday at 3 PM to add to or update our list.

#### **Eucharistic Minister & Lector Schedules**

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors are available in the usher's room. They are also available on our parish website under the "MINISTRY" tab.

#### **Baptism Class for Parents**

Because of the Labor Day holiday, Baptism Class will take place on Monday, Sep 14, at 7:30 PM in the narthex of the church.

### Collection for St. Joseph Seminary

Next week, our second collection next week be for St. Joseph Seminary. As always, the Archdiocese is grateful for your generosity.

#### Stewardship

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We encourage parishioners to make their Sunday contribution through ParishPay which is available on our parish website www.epiphanychurch.nyc

### EPIPHANY CHOIR NEWS

Our Youth Choir (Gr. 3-7) will resume on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.



If your child would like to join, please enroll him or her now. This is a great opportunity for

children to learn about music, liturgy, to develop their voices and have lots of fun! Youth Choir will be singing at most of our 10 am family Masses starting in October and at the Christmas concert. The schedule will be given to parents in advance.

Contact Bogna McGarrigle at epiphanychoirnyc@gmail.com or call845-731-9290

# Francis, Our Pope A Journey of Faith through the Heart of New York

Pope Francis will be here very soon and we are excited to welcome him to New York.

Please visit the website: <a href="www.popefrancisnyc.org">www.popefrancisnyc.org</a>
for information on purchasing commemorative items and other exciting news about his visit.

# Pope Francis at Madison Square Garden Friday, September 25

Our parish will receive only a few tickets to attend the Pope's Mass at MSG.

To allow all an equal chance, we will conduct a lottery at Masses on the weekend of Sep 12-13.

For all who wish to participate, chances will be distributed at each Mass. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Mass and winners' names will be recorded.

The Archdiocese expects to deliver tickets to our rectory on Sep 16. We ask the winners to call the rectory to confirm when tickets can be picked up.

Please keep in mind that the MSG event & Mass will be a long day. Arrival by 3 PM through end of Mass at 8 PM. There will be heavy security may restrict movement. Please take into account any health concerns that may affect your attendance at the event.

#### The Little Sisters of the Poor

will visit our parish for a special collection for their Home for the Aged Poor in the Bronx on Saturday & Sunday, September 26 - 27

The Little Sisters welcome the needy aged into their homes where they find security, friendship and the assurance of loving care.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

#### **Recovery Sunday**

This week, we commemorate Recovery Sunday, an annual day of prayer for those struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses and behaviors.

#### Help Wanted for Sainthood Inquiry Transcriber with Experience

The Dorothy Day Guild is looking for someone with experience doing simultaneous or recorded transcription to transcribe eyewitness testimony at the Archdiocesan Inquiry on the life of Dorothy Day. Interviews will be 4-5 hours long and conducted over the next year at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 1011 First Avenue.

For additional information, please contact George.Horton@archny.org or 212-371-1011 ext. 2480.

# Mary Manning Walsh Home 28th Annual Walk-A-Thon Saturday, September 19 at 9:30am

All are invited to help raise funds to support programs provided by volunteers at the Mary Manning Walsh Home.

Participant fee: \$15 for adults / \$12 for children

(pets may walk without charge)

Fee includes: souvenir T-shirt, refreshments in the park & a gala lunch at 1:30pm upon return to MMW Home.

Mass (optional) will be celebrated at 8am in the Holy Family Chapel at the Home (1339 York Av / 72nd St).

Walk to Central Park begins at 9:30am at the MMW Home.

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#### Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15



Our Lady of Sorrows, depicted as "Mater Dolorosa" (Mother of Sorrows) has been the subject of some key works of Roman Catholic Marian art. Mater Dolorosa is one of the three common artistic representations of a sorrowful Virgin Mary, the other two being Stabat Mater (stood the mother) and Pietà.

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows is at times simply represented in a sad and anguished mode by herself, her expression being that of tears and sadness. In other representations the Virgin Mary is depicted with seven swords in her heart, a reference to the prophecy of Simeon at the Presentation.

#### UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

(In order to understand God's love, we need to understand what He says)

# Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) as it relates to married life By Pope Francis

Today's first reading speaks to us of the people's journey through the desert. We can imagine them as they walked, led by Moses; they were families: fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, grandparents, men and women of all ages, accompanied by many children and those elderly who struggled to make the journey. This people reminds us of the Church as she makes her way across the desert of the contemporary world, the People of God composed, for the most part, of families.

This makes us think of families, our families, walking along the paths of life with all their day to day experiences. It is impossible to quantify the strength and depth of humanity contained in a family: mutual help, educational support, relationships developing as family members mature, the sharing of joys and difficulties. Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the "bricks" for the building up of society.

Let us return to the biblical story. At a certain point, "the people became impatient on the way" (Num 21:4). They are tired, water supplies are low and all they have for food is manna, which, although plentiful and sent by God, seems far too meagre in a time of crisis. And so they complain and protest against God and against Moses: "Why did you make us leave?..." (cf. Num. 21:5). They are tempted to turn back and abandon the journey.

Here our thoughts turn to married couples who "become impatient on the way" of conjugal and family life. The hardship of the journey causes them to experience interior weariness; they lose the flavour of matrimony and they cease to draw water from the well of the Sacrament. Daily life becomes burdensome, even "nauseating".

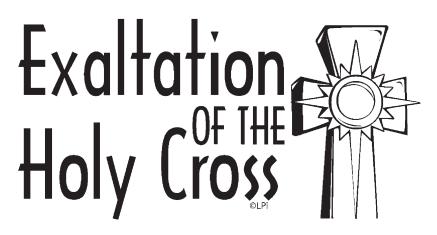
During such moments of disorientation – the Bible says – the poisonous serpents come and bite the people, and many die. This causes the people to repent and to turn to Moses for forgiveness, asking him to beseech the Lord so that he will cast out the snakes. Moses prays to the Lord, and the Lord offers a remedy: a bronze serpent set on a pole; whoever looks at it will be saved from the deadly poison of the vipers.

What is the meaning of this symbol? God does not destroy the serpents, but rather offers an "antidote": by means of the bronze serpent fashioned by Moses, God transmits his healing strength, his mercy, which is more potent than the Tempter's poison.

As we have heard in the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself with this symbol: out of love the Father "has given" his only begotten Son so that men and women might have eternal life (cf. Jn 3:13-17). Such immense love of the Father spurs the Son to become man, to become a servant and to die for us upon a cross. Out of such love, the Father raises up his son, giving him dominion over the entire universe. This is expressed by Saint Paul in his hymn in the Letter to the Philippians (cf. 2:6-11). Whoever entrusts himself to Jesus crucified receives the mercy of God and finds healing from the deadly poison of sin.

The cure which God offers the people applies also, in a particular way, to spouses who "have become impatient on the way" and who succumb to the dangerous temptation of discouragement, infidelity, weakness, abandonment. To them too, God the Father gives his Son Jesus, not to condemn them, but to save them: if they entrust themselves to him, he will bring them healing by the merciful love which pours forth from the Cross, with the strength of his grace that renews and sets married couples and families once again on the right path.

The love of Christ, which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife, is able to sustain their love and to renew it when, humanly speaking, it becomes lost, wounded or worn out. The love of Christ can restore to spouses the joy of journeying together. This is what marriage is all about: man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man. Here we see the reciprocity of differences. The path is not always a smooth one, free of disagreements, otherwise it would not be human. It is a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times turbulent, but such is life! Marriage is a symbol of life, real life: it is not "fiction"! It is the Sacrament of the love of Christ and the Church, a love which finds its proof and guarantee in the Cross.



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