

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:

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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The Parish Office is closed on
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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October 4, 2015
Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

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

Saturday, October 3, 2015

4:00 pm (vigil) Brown Family (living & deceased)

Sunday, October 4, 2015

8:00 am For the intentions of our parishioners

10:00 am Arlene Hullihan

12:00 pm Lorraine Pino Hurley

7:30 pm For the intentions of our parishioners

Monday, October 5, 2015

8:00 am Evelyn & Hugh Lynch (living)

12:10 pm Bob Rakshys

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

8:00 am Ernest Schulz

12:10 pm St. Lucy



Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am Simon Anton Sabino

12:10 pm Rose Yassa (living - Thanksgiving)

Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:00 am Marity Brody Smith

12:10 pm Rosario Ridon

Friday, October 9, 2015

8:00 am Rev. Peter J. Prendergast
(anniversary - 2nd pastor of Epiphany)

12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:00 am Giuseppe Astorina

4:00 pm (vigil) Charles Marin

Sunday, October 11, 2015

8:00 am For the intentions of our parishioners

10:00 am Anne Zacharia (living)

12:00 pm Lorraine Pino Hurley

7:30 pm John Holland

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

REMEMBRANCE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed
on and to pray for special intentions,
while giving back to God

Mass Intentions

(Saturdays & 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.



A list of petitions for loved ones and
friends, living and deceased, will be
displayed each week
in the Saints Alcove.

Please call the rectory by
Friday at 2 PM with additions or updates
to our list.

Remembrance



Our Sanctuary lamp during the month
of October will burn in remembrance
of deceased members of the
Tabije and Ramos families and for the
sick, the dying and the needy.



The Gifts of Bread and Wine
during the week of Oct 4 - 10
are offered in loving memory
of Helen & Martin O'Dea

If You Have Celiac Disease

You are welcome to receive the
Precious Blood of Christ during Mass at Epiphany.



We understand that you are unable to
receive the communion host. In lieu of
the host, our celebrants will now offer
the cup to you at Communion.
Before Mass, please coordinate with the
priest in the sacristy (to the right of the
tabernacle).

Stewardship

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

**For the year ending August 31,
our average weekly collection amounted to \$11,561,
which is less than our average weekly expenses.
We appreciate your generosity.**

**The Finance Committee will soon publish our
Annual Financial Report in detail**

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



Installation Mass & Reception for Our New Pastor!

Fr. Austin Titus will be officially installed
as the new pastor of the
Church of the Epiphany on
Sunday, October 11, at the 12:00 PM Mass.

A reception will follow in Msgr Farricker Hall.
Light refreshments will be provided.

If you plan to attend the reception,
kindly use the RSVP slips
provided at the back of the church,
fill out your name & the number of people
attending the reception with you
so that we can plan for a wonderful gathering
to welcome our new pastor.

Respect Life Sunday - October 4

Join the Sisters of Life for our 3rd Annual Life Chain
Stand Together *Join Hands* Pray for Life
on Epiphany Plaza after the 12 PM Mass

Life Chains are peaceful and prayerful public
witness; people standing in prayer
for an end to abortion and
offering a message of mercy and healing
for those who are suffering as a result of abortion.



Help Mothers who Choose Life

The weekends of Oct 3-4 and Oct 10-11
On behalf of Pregnancy Help, Inc.,
we will collect
winter baby & toddler clothes & diapers,
gently used snowsuits, coats, scarves & hats
for ages 2-4
(for newborns, snowsuits must be new)
It would be a great help if the articles
could be brought in bags.

6th Annual Epiphany School Walk and Fall Festival

October 18 - after 10:00 Family Mass

2.5 miles along the East River Promenade
concluding at the 22nd St school at
Epiphany's Fall Festival

Please visit the website to register
and to obtain further information.

www.epiphanywalkthewalk.org
or call the Development Office at 212-473-6158



Our Epiphany Walkers team up with the
Catholic Charities Food Drive.
Please bring non-perishable food items and
deposit them in the cartons provided.

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Saturday, October 17 - 10 AM - 1 PM
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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Genesis 2:18-24

"It is not good for the man to be alone."

God resolves to make for the single human "a helper as his partner." A "helper" in the Old Testament is not a subordinate but one who may be an equal or sometimes even a superior to the one who is being helped. In fact, God is often called a "helper" to humans in need.

The marital bond is so intimate that the two "become one flesh"-- open to one another, vulnerable, trusting and loving. Marriage is the union of two human beings yearning for community and finding it in one another.

The reality and the mystery of human love is that sometimes it endures and sometimes it does not. Genesis 2 reminds us of God's original intention and desire for humans--to find in at least one other person a bond of love that runs so deeply and so intimately that we never feel alone. The bond of love with another human person gives us a glimpse of the divine love that God has for us.

The bond of love is God's doing, a gift from God alone.

Hebrews 2:9-11

"the leader to their salvation [made] perfect through suffering."

How could Jesus be made 'perfect' through suffering — wasn't he born perfect?

Why did God make Jesus suffer in the first place — was God angry or in need of being appeased?

Jesus was "born of woman", and as such had the "flesh and blood" of all human beings. He was "descended from David according to the flesh", a Jewish boy who "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man". Thus Jesus grew up, developed, became mature. He was tempted by the desires of his flesh — in exactly the same way as all men — and was capable of yielding to those temptations (though he did not, i.e., he never sinned). By always denying self (daily saying 'no' to the flesh), Jesus "learned obedience" and thus was being perfected, being made complete.

Believers are to be "perfect" in the sense of becoming mature, complete, behaving and thinking like the God they worship and imitating Jesus whom they follow.

Disciples can't stay in the baby state; they are born anew "to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ". Such growing up must include suffering for Jesus Christ now, in this life, to prepare for the Kingdom of Glory to come.



Mark 10:2-16

"What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In a discussion with a number of Pharisees about divorce, Jesus says, "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate". Jesus would like the number 36,722. That number is the grand total of years of marriage accumulated by the 829 couples who recently registered for a special worship service at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. These husbands and wives had all been married at least 25 years, and some had been together for more than 70. For better, for worse. For richer, for poorer. In sickness and in health. Until parted by death.

If you walk into any congregation in the United States, you will see couples with an impressive marital track record. These unions are rarely without stress and strain, and many have overcome obstacles of illness, loss, and unfaithfulness. But if you were to add up the total years of marriage at most churches, you would be amazed. And inspired.

So what is the key to staying married through days of anger, months of separation, and years of disappointment, illness, and loss? Jesus boils it down to six words: "the two shall become one flesh"

Not that Jesus is showing complete originality here. In Genesis 2, God creates the first human beings and says, "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Jesus speaks of this tradition when he says, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'"

Jesus said, "what God has joined together, let no one separate". Jesus is taking a stand for wives and children, and is trying to protect them with a strong prohibition against divorce. With similar compassion, Jesus rebukes the disciples who try to block the little children who are being brought by their parents for a blessing. "Let the little children come to me," says Jesus; "do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs". While the disciples see the little children as expendables, with little economic or social power, Jesus considers them to be supremely precious and worthy of his blessing. To emphasize their value, he makes the claim, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it".

Mark reveals that Jesus had deep concern for the welfare of wives and children, supporting the institution of marriage for the sake of their emotional and economic security. That's a stand worth taking, whether we are married or single, as we start the next 36,722 years.

Excerpted: Henry G. Brinton; Huffington Post

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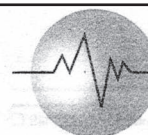
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