#### 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

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October 18, 2015
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#### Church of the Epiphany

#### 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 17, 2015

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

4:00 pm (vigil) Mr. & Mrs H. McCarthy

Sunday, October 18, 2015

8:00 am For the intentions of our parishioners

10.00 am Vincent Salvo 12:00 pm Sylvia Maginnis 7:30 pm Rev. Patrick J. Carroll

Monday, October 19, 2015

St. John de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, Priests & Martyrs

8:00 am Pilar Franzuela 12.10 pm Kathrine Simons

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Culligan & Orschler Families 8:00 am

12:10 pm Agnes Schulz Wednesday, October 21, 2015

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh

12:10 pm **Ernest Schulz** 

Thursday, October 22, 2015 St. John Paul II, Pope

8:00 am Dr. Dolores Danilowicz 12:10 pm Clara Pappalardo

Friday, October 23, 2015

8:00 am Sr. Elizabeth Marie Lynch

12:10 pm **Timothy Collins** 

Saturday, October 24, 2015 8:00 am Annie O'Driscoll

4:00 pm (vigil) For the intentions of our parishioners

Sunday, October 25, 2015

8:00 am For the intentions of our parishioners

10.00 am Elizabeth Jung 12:00 pm Carmine Esposito 7:30 pm Rev. Patrick J. Carroll

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

#### All Souls Mass Remembrance Envelopes

Please use the envelopes to indicate the names of your deceased loved ones. Your envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November

as we pray for our beloved friends and

family members.

Please return your envelopes for All Souls Day by Monday, November 2

#### October 18, 2015

### 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**

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.



#### Remembrance

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





The Gifts of Bread and Wine during the week of Oct 18 - 24 are offered in loving memory of Marie and Joseph McGreevy



Our second collection this week is for the Church's Missions around the world.

Your prayers and generous support on World Mission Sunday will directly benefit the Mission Church today.

Your contribution supports clinics caring for the sick and dying, orphanages providing a place of safety and shelter, schools offering education from kindergarten through high school. Your help provides for seminarians preparing for the priesthood, and religious Sisters & Brothers in formation programs. All of this takes place in 1150 mission dioceses in Africa & Asia, where the poorest of the poor receive an education and health care, while experiencing the loving heart of our Lord through the service of priests, religious and lay faithful.

Please be generous in the World Mission Sunday collection and participate in God's mission as it was lived by Jesus.

#### 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





#### **Epiphany School's Third Annual** Hall of Fame Induction and **Cocktail Reception**

Saturday, Nov 7th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

at

The Yale Club 50 Vanderbilt Avenue (at 44th St)

Inductees are Michael J. Tierney '65 Mary Jane Maher Higgins '80 Philip J. McManus, ESQ

for tickets, contact www.epiphanyschoolfoundation.org

#### 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.

#### A PLEA FOR ALTAR SERVERS



We cherish our youth and hope that they will start at a very young age to serve others. Service is the heart of the gospel. Serving at the altar is a great way for our youth to serve God and His Church. (Sports are important too - but not nearly as important.)

Please encourage your children, grandchildren and all boys & girls in grade 5 and above to become altar servers. We also need an adult moderator. If you or a child you know can help in any way, please see Fr Austin or call 212-475-1966.

#### **Child Protection**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



# **Epiphany Music Program**

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OCTAVA ensemble Sunday, October 18 at 6:30 PM

Octava Ensemble, one of the most interesting vocal groups of today, will perform a wide-ranging program of a cappella music in a variety of languages and genres.

Their music is truly a delight to experience!

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#### Sisters of Life

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please reach out to the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or e-mail hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina at 877-586-4621 or e-mail lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

#### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Catechumenate is the process by which people can question, search and inquire into our Catholic faith. It is a journey which leads many to seek full membership in our Church. For others, this journey may not lead to full membership. Either way, all are welcome to come and see, to ask questions, and to look more deeply.

A Catechumenate is for any unbaptized adult who is new to the Catholic faith or any unbaptized child usually over the age of 7, or any adult or child over the age of 7 who was baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The process begins in September and ends at the Easter vigil Mass.

RCIA is offered at nearby Immaculate Conception parish at 414 East 14th Street.

Contact: Fr. Flanagan Phone: 212-254-0200 e-mail: iccboss@aol.com

#### Cabrini Immigrant Services

Weekends of Oct 25 & Nov 1



Cabrini's Annual Coat Drive is an opportunity for us to follow the teachings of Christ by providing warm coats & jackets for immigrant families. Please bring your new or gently used jackets & coats for men, women & children of all ages to Epiphany.

The sisters are always grateful for your generosity.

#### Free Flu Shots

Vytalize Health will provide free flu shots on Sunday, November 1, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM in Msgr Farricker Hall

To reserve a place, please call the Parish Office 212-475-1966 - Mon - Fri -- 9 to 1 and 2 to 5

#### **UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS**

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

#### Isaiah 53:10-11

# "The will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him."

This passage takes place in the context of Isaiah 53, one of the so-called "Suffering Servant Songs."
Written at the end of Babylonian Exile, these "songs" speak of God inflicting suffering upon his servant for the good of the people. While interpreters have argued over the identity of the servant, Christians have always pointed to the crucified Christ as the One who suffers for the people. Indeed, Isaiah 53 is read on Good Friday as the first reading.

Isaiah speaks of the reason for suffering and the reward for the servant. Notice both the suffering and reward are community wide; the servant suffers for the sin of the community and the benefits of the suffering are enjoyed by the same community. Hence, the servant is a leader appointed by God to do his will.

Catholics speak of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. All three images converge in Isaiah. The rejected leader (king) offers himself (priest) for the good of his people; his action reveals God's will and actions (prophet).



#### Hebrews 4:14-16

# "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy."

This study falls on the heels of last week's excursion into God's coming judgement. Hebrews 4:12-13 portrayed God's word as a sharp knife that could lay bare anyone's thought and intentions. The verses implied that we were under this knife as a judgement. The language of the verses painted a sacrifice by a temple priest.

Today's reading followed on the image of our sacrifice/judgement with the comforting message of Jesus as High Priest. The knife was in his hand, so he could show us mercy. And, as High Priest, he could represent us before God (the throne of grace). And we could receive mercy and grace in a timely fashion. Even though he was without sin, he still endured every temptation we could receive. So, he could empathize with us.

Jesus is a compassionate figure in these verses. We should lean on his compassion as a way to grow closer to him.

#### Mark 10:35-45

#### "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In Jesus' time; people believed that honor and power could be obtained simply by request. James and John asked for a favor and challenged the "pecking order" that the disciples had established. The brothers wanted to share the spreading fame of Jesus by osmosis. They wanted to be popular by hanging onto the "Big Guy."

Commenting on their ignorance, Jesus responded with a question about a drinking cup and baptism. The drinking cup was used at dinner to show unity with the leader or host. The passing of the drinking cup meant that the guests shared in the "glory", honor and power of the host/leader.

Jesus affirmed their commitment and their future but insisted he is God's instrument. Jesus implied that the glory of God is more important than his own. Not only does Jesus not have the power to grant their request, he would not want it. It was not Jesus' cup to pass or Jesus' baptism to give; it was the Father's.

When the other apostles heard of the brothers' request, they were angry; this verse acts as a bridge to Jesus' teaching on leadership based on love. Jesus rejected a leadership of power but pointed to a leadership of service. At the banquet of God's kingdom, it was not the person who passed the cup that was important; it was the one who accepted the cup. Referring to the "Son of Man" image, Jesus saw himself on the cross as the primary model for "servant leadership."



Think of waiters and waitresses in our own culture. A good waiter or waitress must be part entertainer (making good "small talk") when the order is placed, a timely provider of food and drink, and an invisible guide, ever to provide assistance, yet at a discreet distance. They are to leave us alone when we desire privacy, but approach immediately when we need help. They are to serve us and, in doing so, they lead us through the meal.

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