

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):

239 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010-6463
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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The Parish Office is closed on
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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October 25, 2015
Thirtieth 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 24, 2015

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

Monday, October 26, 2015

8:00 am Lily Biscocho
12:10 pm Rose Ontalan (living; thanksgiving)

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

8:00 am Rita Hanses
12:10 pm Frank Schmidt

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 am John Kirkpan
12:10 pm Marie Bernaldez

Thursday, October 29, 2015

8:00 am Carmela Rosato
12:10 pm Susan Pappalardo (2nd anniversary)

Friday, October 30, 2015

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh
12:10 pm Mary G. Mannarino

Saturday, October 31, 2015

8:00 am Denis Collins
4:00 pm (vigil) Rose & Daniel Harnett & family (living)

Sunday, November 1, 2015

All Saints Day

8:00 am For the intentions of our parishioners
10:00 am Dynes Family
12:00 pm Javier Gomez (living)
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.



All Souls Day

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

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)

**Advent Wreath for entire Advent Season
(\$100 for 1 candle // \$400 for all 4 candles)**

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.



Advent is coming!

The Advent wreath candles will burn on the altar
through the season. If you would like to
memorialize one or all four of the candles,
please call the rectory. We suggest a donation
of \$100 per candle.



**Prayer
Requests**

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 departed members of the
Tabije and Ramos families and
for the sick, the dying & the needy



Our Sanctuary lamp during
the month of November
will burn in remembrance
of departed members of the
Tabije and Ramos families,
all the souls in purgatory and
for the sick, the dying & the needy

ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

The Annual Pastor's Appeal is crucial to the financial
health of the parish. Appeal envelopes can be found in
the church vestibule and envelopes may be placed in the
collection basket. Please be as generous as your means
allow. Many thanks to all who have already made their
donation. God will reward you abundantly.

† STEWARDSHIP ✉
Count your blessings, acknowledge
God's gifts to you and express
thanks to Him in praise.

For 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 & Cocktail Reception

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

at

The Yale Club

50 Vanderbilt Avenue (at 44th St)

We are privileged to add to
the Hall of Fame's distinguished roster

Michael J. Tierney '65

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Mary Jane Maher Higgins '80

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Philip J. McManus, ESQ

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Tickets & journal ads can be purchased online at
www.epiphanyschoolfoundation.org/hof/

Please RSVP by November 2

WHAT A WALK!

Many thanks to all who made our annual
Epiphany School Walk-a-thon an outstanding success!
A lot of preparation & hard work was done by many who
simply can't stop loving this parish.
We are truly blessed by all who helped us to succeed.



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, **December 19** - 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM

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at Epiphany

WAKE UP TO THE JOYS OF ADVENT

Reflections in the Spirit of Anthony Demello, S.J.

Admission is Free



DON'T FORGET!!!

Set Your Clocks Back!!!

Daylight Savings Time ends
Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 AM

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



Special Thanks to All

Many thanks to all who came to
the Mass of Installation and to the
reception that followed.

A special thanks to all who worked
so hard to make it possible. It was a very beautiful and
welcoming ceremony and reception for which I am very
grateful. Thank you! Fr Austin

Also a very special thank you to "Call It A Wrap" (ask
for Donna at 718-876-8300) who subsidized the cost of
the reception. Thank you Donna!



from the Little Sisters of the Poor

Thank you for welcoming us so
warmly. You truly supported our work, with a total of
\$4,859, one of our largest collections at Epiphany.
Thank you so much for making us feel welcome at your
lovely parish each year.

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 your flu shot, 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)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

"The Lord has delivered his people..."

Jeremiah was born in the time of the last true reform kings, Josiah. At the end of his life, the nation was in ruins from the Babylonian invasion. He was forced into exile and died on foreign soil. But his writings rose above cynicism and despair. Even though he would not live to see the Lord deliver his people, Jeremiah saw rays of hope in the darkness.

In today's reading, Jeremiah wrote that God would save Judah from Babylon and restore his people's glory.

When the Lord delivered them, the people of Israel would return; the weak and the strong, the blind, the lame, mothers with children would find peace, for God was their father.

We live in times of rapid change; tomorrow is no more certain than yesterday. The message we need for this world is hope in God. He will see us through these times with his gift of peace.

Hebrews 5:1-6

"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

What did it take to do a job? Especially if the job was High Priest before God?

The author of the Hebrews used the job description of High Priest to heighten the role Christ played in salvation. The High Priest was one called by God, a mediator between God and the people. In a pastoral sense, he dealt with the ignorant and the morally wavering. He was a worship leader *among*, not *above*, the people. This is a good description of the role of an understanding and prayerful man of God.

The difference between Christ and a man chosen as High Priest was one of human weakness. A good High Priest was painfully aware of his own sinfulness and of his own need for forgiveness, just like his people. Christ did not sin, but he *was* tempted, so he could empathize with the humanness of people. In this sense he was the perfect High Priest, since he fulfilled every function, including his assumed weakness. Christ may have been the Son of God and Eternal High Priest, but he was still one of us in every single way, but one. Sin.

God calls us to join the priesthood of his Son. We are to pray with and for others and to understand their weakness...for we ourselves are weak. And we depend upon the strength of God.



Mark 10:46-52

"Master, I want to see...Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Bartimaeus could see with his spirit that Jesus could cure his eyes. To see beyond the possible is faith, a grace from God. The Spirit of God empowers us with spiritual intuition and insight. We cannot arrive at faith by ourselves.

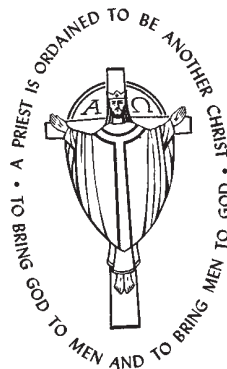
Yet, God never forces faith upon us. It is a human choice to accept the faith that God offers us as his gift. We are free to choose it or reject it. When we choose faith, we become partners with the divine in our own salvation and the salvation of the world.

While faith exceeds understanding, it does not conflict with human reason. In fact, human reason can lead to (but never replace) faith. If reason and faith appear to be at odds with each other, reason requires patience. Human knowledge is never complete, as old insights give way to new ones and as new areas of knowledge bring new questions. Understanding takes time.

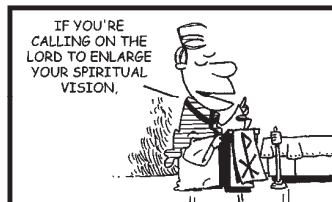
Human understanding can deepen and expand faith. We know that we believe. We want to know why. Faith and understanding work hand in hand to bring us closer to our Maker. But, faith needs to push the envelope of knowledge. For knowledge tells us what is possible. Faith tells us what is impossible. It is a vision of the impossible that brings us to God.

Bartimaeus gave us an interesting example of conversion. Bold and persistent, the blind man could see the possibility Jesus offered. But the result was far deeper than mere physical sight. The result was faith and the desire to follow Jesus. We, too, are challenged to ask boldly, to receive and to welcome vision in our lives.

Miracles require vision to make the impossible possible. Unlike marvels or feats, miracles require faith. Miracles require people to trust in a power greater than they possess. On a dusty road, a blind beggar saw with faith what was possible. And he reached out to One who could help him.



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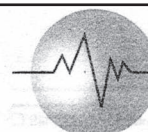
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