

NEW! Church Hours:*Monday through Friday:*

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday:

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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
(between Second and Third Avenues)Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pmThe Parish Office is closed on
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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November 15, 2015
Thirty-third 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, November 14, 2015

4:00 pm (vigil) Joseph Mastrogiovanni (living)

Sunday, November 15, 2015

8:00 am Our parishioners
10:00 am Hugh & Agnes Dynes (living)
12:00 pm Solon & Mercedes Stamatelaky
7:30 pm Rev. Patrick J. Carroll

Monday, November 16, 2015

8:00 am Ellie Haray
12:10 pm The Go family (thanksgiving)

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 am All Souls Novena
12:10 pm Carmelo Spadaro

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:00 am Sara Marie Callahan (10th anniversary)
12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh

Thursday, November 19, 2015

8:00 am Angelo C. Gorrasi
12:10 pm All Souls Novena

Friday, November 20, 2015

8:00 am Mary Ann Conaboy Mills
12:10 pm Antonio M. Llorente

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Rev. Joseph Baker (3rd anniversary)

*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

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 /week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Memorialize a Weekday Mass Book (\$25 / copy)

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 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.



The Gifts of Bread and Wine
during the week of Nov 15 - 21
are offered for the intentions
of Dr. D.J. Mayer.

Parish Support

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.

Please place envelopes in the collection basket.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Many thanks to all who have donated already.

God will reward you abundantly.

Unfortunately, as a security precaution,
we must curtail the hours our church is open to the public

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

Our average weekly collection
is \$12,742, which is less than
our average weekly expenses
of \$20,482.

We appreciate your generosity.

The Finance Committee has published our Annual Financial Report
which is available in the church vestibule.

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



Christmas Music at Epiphany

Join us now and share the gift of music

We welcome volunteer
Singers, Trumpet players & Violinists
to join us now as we prepare for Christmas

sing and play with us at
Lessons & Carols at Epiphany

Saturday, December 12, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
and throughout the Christmas Season

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. If a child you know can serve, please see Fr Austin or call 212-475-1966.

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary is part of the worldwide association of Catholic laity who serve the Church in prayer and the performance of apostolic works. Today, there are over 3 million members, making it the largest apostolic organization of Catholic lay people.

Meetings are at 6:00 PM every Wednesday in the Rectory.

For information, please call Mary at 212-686-7913.



Mass Book for 2016

Reservations for 2016 announced
weekday & Saturday AM Masses

will be accepted beginning
Monday, November 16.

Until Dec 7, we will accept only reservations submitted using the forms available in church & on our website.

Completed forms may be submitted by mail or in person at the parish office.

After Dec 7, reservations may be made in person at the parish office.

The stipend set by the Archdiocese of New York for an announced Mass is \$15.



GIVING TREE

The **Epiphany Giving Tree** benefits pregnant women and their families served by the Sisters of Life.

Please take an envelope from the back of the church, on which there is a tag with a suggested gift.

Please purchase the item and return it to Epiphany on December 12 - 13.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Merry Christmas!

Lectors

Lectors will meet on

Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 PM in the church.

New procedures will be introduced.

Please make every effort to attend.

Lector schedules for Dec-Feb are available in the ushers' room.

Reminder: please pick up your 2016 workbooks in the sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers will meet on

Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 PM in the church.

New procedures will be introduced.

Please make every effort to attend.

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
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e-mail: iccboss@aol.com



Feast of St. Frances X. Cabrini

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Celebrate the Feast of the Patron Saint of Immigrants at five Masses in five languages.

Sat, Nov 14

10 AM Italian; 11:30 AM French/Haitian; 2 PM Spanish

Sun, Nov 15

11 AM English; 2 PM Filipino

Thomas Merton & the Carmelite Tradition

Annual Retreat / Day of Recollection

Saturday, November 14 - 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Corpus Christi Church
529 West 121 Street

Donation: \$25 (includes a light lunch)
Registration required: 212-666-9350 (by Nov 11)
e-mail inquiry: mertonnyc@yahoo.com
corpus-christi-nyc.org/corpus-christi-chapter

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

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Daniel 12:1-3

"The wise shall shine brightly...like the stars forever."

Even in a time of great stress, Daniel emphasizes God's protection in the person of Michael, the archangel. But, what of the righteous who died and did not receive protection? Here, Daniel introduces the concepts of the resurrection and the final judgement. Notice, the evil would be shamed as their punishment, while the faithful will "shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament." The just will have a place in God's creation and "shall be like the stars forever." Daniel connected moral living with God's creation. At the end of time, everything would be set right.



Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

"By one offering, [Christ] has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated."

These verses compare sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Earthly sacrifices were offered over and over. In this sense, they were impotent, for they could not achieve their goal: reconciliation and intimacy with God. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was a one time event. But the reality of that event, found in the risen body of the Lord, would live forever.

In Hebrews, we see the futility of earthly sacrifices as a means to achieve an intimate relationship with God. Sin and death could not be destroyed by these sacrifices. Only in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus were sin and death conquered.

Belief in the Risen Lord connects us to his eternal life. With eternal life now realized, these verses warn us of destruction if we turn away from the Risen Lord and align ourselves with sin and death.

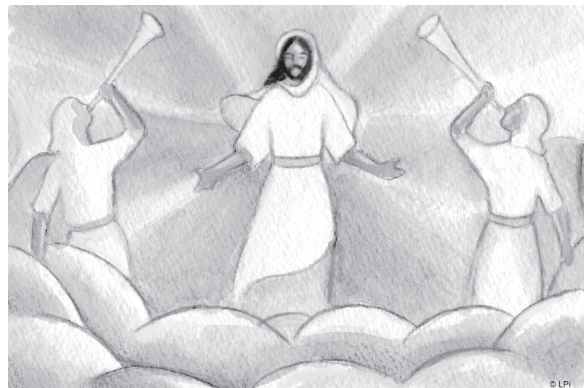
The world often mocks us for our trust in a man who died two millennia ago. This was the same skepticism that Jewish-Christians faced when they held onto their faith despite the destruction of the Temple. Today, the gloomy outlook of the world, non-believers claim, is enough to argue against faith. As believers, we view the troubles in the world as a REASON for faith. We reach out to the One beyond us because the world is not enough. Jesus has made possible true, everlasting life.

The world viewed the cross as death. To believers in Christ, the cross is life.

Mark 13:24-32

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds."

Viewing the end of time, Jesus saw the event as the visit of the divine King. God would prepare the visit with cosmic signs and events as a means of announcement. The King would arrive "in the clouds" in a way that



reflected his power and reputation. Angels would go throughout the known world to gather all the faithful. Remember that the Jewish people had been displaced throughout the known world because of economic opportunity or oppression. Jesus implied that the injustice of Jews living on foreign soil would be corrected.

How did his disciples know Jesus spoke the truth? Jesus gave a farming analogy of the fig tree to support his belief in God's imminent judgement. Then he compared God's creation to his words. Nature changed, but his words would not. His words are eternal.

Finally, Jesus said that only the Father knows the day and the hour that the Son of Man will return. This is Jesus' way of challenging us to see the process through God's eyes. These things would happen in God's time, not ours. The teaching of Jesus challenged his disciples and challenges us today to trust God with the future. Only through our faith in Him can we anticipate the day of judgement without fear.



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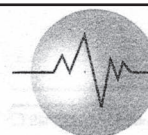


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