

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 22, 2015
Feast of Christ the King
Thirty-fourth 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.

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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 21, 2015

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm (vigil) Mary Ann Conaboy Mills

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am Our parishioners
10:00 am Helen Anderson
12:00 pm Maria Felicia Todaro
7:30 pm Noe Dichoso & Kathrine Simons

Monday, November 23, 2015

8:00 am All Souls Novena
12:10 pm Dr. Dolores Danilowicz

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr

8:00 am Frank McLaughlin (living)
12:10 pm Antonia Astorina

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh
12:10 pm All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Day of Thanksgiving to God

8:00 am Lillian & George Conrad, James Lee &
Jack Warmbrand

Friday, November 27, 2015

8:00 am Henry Maurice Mason
12:10 pm Helen Verlin

Saturday, November 28, 2015

8:00 am Henry Maurice Mason

*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.

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer



On Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is not just about turkey,
stuffing, cranberry sauce and football.
"Giving thanks is the highest form of
thought; and gratitude is happiness
doubled by wonder." - G.K. Chesterton

The best way to give thanks is the way God gave us:
the Eucharist (which *means* thanksgiving).

Come join us at our

Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday at 8 AM.

UNDERSTANDING OUR PARISH EXPENSES

Our weekly expenses are \$20,482.

What does this number represent?

The annual Parish Financial Report indicates that
Epiphany's total annual expense is \$1,065,086.

Divided by 52 weeks, the weekly average is \$20,482.

Similarly, dividing the individual categories by 52 weeks and
adding the results produces the sum of \$20,487.

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.

November 21 - 22 Second Collection

There will be a second collection
this weekend for
**Thanksgiving and
Human Development.**

The collection will take place after
Holy Communion.

As always, we are grateful for
your generosity.



✠ **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

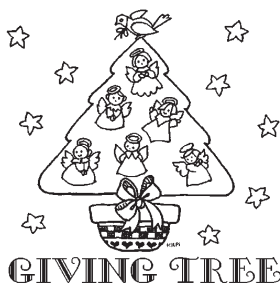
Join us now and share the gift of music

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



Offerings for Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Envelopes are available at the back of the church.
Please return your offering by December 15.
Once again, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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!



A Gift of Beauty & Honor

Epiphany School's graduating class is raising
funds for their graduation trip in May 2016.

Honor your loved one by purchasing a
poinsettia plant which will decorate
Epiphany Church throughout the Christmas season.
The name of your loved one will be handwritten on a
specially designed tag with a matching ornament as
a Christmas keepsake.

Plants are available in pot sizes:

6" (\$25), 8" (\$35), 10" (\$50) & 14" (\$100)

Also available is a 24" boxwood tree (\$200)

You may purchase your plant in the church narthex
on **November 25-26 & December 5-6**

before and after all Masses (except 7:30 PM)

We wish you a Merry & Blessed Christmas!

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.



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.

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Mass Book for 2016

Reservations for 2016 announced
weekday & Saturday AM

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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WAKE UP TO THE JOYS OF ADVENT

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

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Daniel 7:13-14

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion, his kingship shall not be destroyed."

In Daniel's vision, the "one like a Son of man...reached the Ancient One and was presented before him." Christ is returning to the Father and receiving "dominion, glory and kingship", everlasting kingship that "shall not be destroyed."

The final kingdom and its prophecies have not yet been fulfilled. We must, in some way, be part of that kingdom.

Jesus came the first time to die for our sins. He will come again on the day of judgement to subdue his enemies and establish his kingdom.

Daniel's vision is prophecy revealed to us so that we can see things through God's eyes because our own vision is limited by our human eyes. Scripture is God's way of telling us what God will do. What God says, God does.

Let us listen, then, and be sober, enduring the sufferings and trials sent our way, knowing the certainty of His kingdom to come.



Revelation 1:5-8

"To him who loves us...be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."

Anticipation threaded through the book of Revelation. The God of this book was a deity who was active in human events. He was a power of nature that could be neither appeased nor manipulated. He was alive in human history.

Revelation dared to see events as if they occurred in the very presence of God. But, in our humanity, the only way for us to witness the events in the presence of God is through worship.

Imagine, for a moment, the final judgment was in progress. We stand among the angels in heaven, praising God for all he was doing. How would we see the events of the end times, as they unfold in real time?

According to Revelation, we would see the coming of the Christ, even those guilty of his death. And all would mourn at the sight of his glory, from guilt, from dread of judgment, or both.

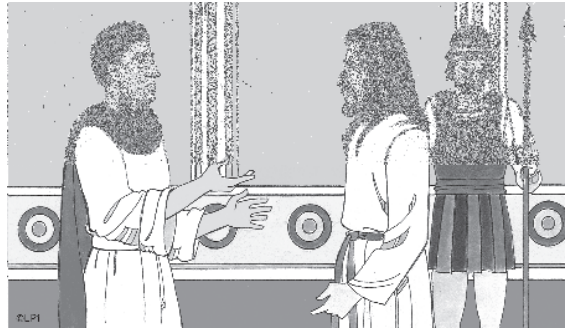
The Lord God calls himself the "Alpha and the Omega", he who was and he who is to come.

Once again, we are to anticipate the return of Christ. We can do so through our worship in this world as we wait to see God in the next.

John 18:33-37

"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world...Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

As Roman governor of Judea, Pilate was judge and jury in capital cases. His question was direct: "Do you claim to be king?" An affirmative answer would have sealed the fate of Jesus, since he would be branded as a political revolutionary.



But the phrase "King of the Jews" had a spiritual meaning that might have escaped Pilate. To probe Pilate's understanding, Jesus answers a question with a question: "Who are your witnesses about me?" Pilate retorts with a question: "What have you done?" In other words, Pilate wants Jesus to be the witness, not his accusers.

Jesus responds with a speech about his kingdom. Jesus' kingdom is not that of popular culture or politics.

Pilate still presses the point: "You are a king, aren't you?" to which Jesus concedes a semantic point by saying, "You're the one who says so, Pilate." But finally Jesus does give Pilate direct witness and speaks the truth.

Jesus speaks the truth and the "world" speaks a different truth. The truth of the world is transient in nature; it changes with the season and the political landscape. It speaks to ambition and power, to possessions and pleasure. The truth of the world is, at best, shallow.

But the truth Jesus speaks is that of the heart. The truth of Jesus is more than facts; it is one of fidelity. God is "true" to us; that means, he is faithful. He shows us his fidelity through his Son and the power of his Spirit. When we are true to God in return, we "live in truth." Since God is eternally faithful, God's truth goes beyond the transient nature of politics, fad, and fashion.

The world's truth can fail us. God's truth sustains us.

The reality of Jesus' kingship is in his truth. Jesus is Lord. His kingdom awaits.

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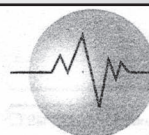
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