

NEW! Church Building Hours:*Monday through Friday hours:*

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

Saturday hours:

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

Sunday hours:

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 1:15 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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Director of Music Ministries and Organist

December 27, 2015
Feast of the Holy Family
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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, December 26, 2015

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

4:00 pm (vigil) Margo Conte

Sunday, December 27, 2015

**Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 am Our parishioners
10:00 am Rev. Patrick J. Carroll
12:00 pm Felix Pinto
7:30 pm Virginia Granados



Monday, December 28, 2015

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am Christmas Novena
12:10 pm Ernesto Pappalardo

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

8:00 am Javier Gomez & Family (living)
12:10 pm Joan C. Woods

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

8:00 am Sr. Doris Sahyonne
12:10 pm Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 31, 2015

8:00 am Edward Moreno
12:10 pm Albert J. Ackel
4:00 pm (vigil) Thomas E. O'Connor

Friday, January 1, 2015

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am Rita Donahue
12:10 pm Sr. Doris Sahyonne, RDC

Saturday, January 2, 2015

8:00 am Richard Ehmann

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

MASS ATTENDANCE - December 12 - 13

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
210	151	269	210	121

**SECOND COLLECTION
Sunday, January 3**

There will be a second collection next week for
Communications and Catholic University
As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 (2016 - all Masses now available)

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 December
will burn in remembrance of members of
the Wycoco & Stamatelaky families
living & deceased

Our Sanctuary lamp during
the month of January
will burn in remembrance of
George & Lillian Conard,
Jack Warmbrand and James Lee

The Gifts of Bread and Wine
during the month of December
are offered in memory of
Natalie, Joseph & Patrick Torre



**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Friday, January 1**



On the octave of Christmas,
we honor Mary in one of her most
important titles.

All Catholics must attend Mass
on this Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass Schedule is
Thurs, Dec 31 at 4 PM vigil
Fri, Jan 1 at 8 AM and 12:10 PM



**Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday, January 3**

Next Sunday is the patronal feast of our parish.
It is a special feast commemorating the day when
the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child.
Earthly kings paid homage to the King of heaven.
Please join us to celebrate this sacred feast day.



Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

We welcome volunteer Singers and Musicians to join us as we welcome the New Year..

Sing and play with us at Epiphany and be a part of the music of our parish all year long.

Music is an expression of joy. Come and be joyful with us!

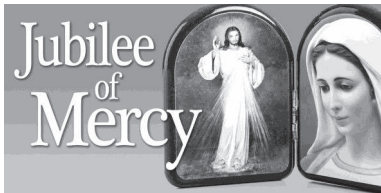


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Meetings are at 6:00 PM every Wednesday in the Rectory.
For information, please call Mary at 212-686-7913.



Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

Pope Francis encourages us in this Year of Mercy

"Let us remember the Golden Rule:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

Show mercy to others through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

A Message of Thanks from the Class of 2016



The students of the Epiphany School eighth grade, wish to thank the parish for participating in our poinsettia fundraiser. While we look forward to enjoying our spring graduation trip, we are overjoyed to see the church beautifully decorated for Christmas and we are especially pleased to have provided a way for many to honor their loved ones with a beautiful tribute.

We are grateful for the support of Fr. Austin, Fr. Golino, Msgr Modugno and Mr. Hayes.

Most of all, we appreciate the generosity of the parishioners and families of the Epiphany community.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Peaceful New Year!



After a funeral service the pallbearers accidentally bumped the wall, jarring the casket. Hearing a faint moan from the casket, they opened it and found the 'deceased' woman was very much alive and remained so for another 10 years. At her second funeral, the pallbearers were once again bearing her casket out of the church when her husband called out, "Watch out for the wall!"

ON FINANCE



It is a real eye-opener for me to see Manhattan prices for the first time. I can't believe how high the rents are and the food prices as well. And then of course, there are NYC Building codes that must be met. The NYC Dept of Buildings issued the Church several ridiculous violations that will cost \$8,000 to fix - and fines on top of that! You can't fight City Hall. Well, this is where some of our contributions go. It is important that we let you know why our expenses are so high - and why we must ask you to be as generous as you can.

A very big 'Thank You' for always doing your best for your parish. There would be no 'us' without YOU.

Quarterly Church Expenses

2014 Sep 1 - Nov 30 2015

\$217,697

\$190,196

We are working hard to reduce as many expenses as we can in order to eliminate our deficit.

Thank you for your support and patience!

And especially for your generosity!!



Our People

January 23 - 24, 2016

We will welcome a visitor from UNBOUND

Father David E. Noone will celebrate Masses and bring us information about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that assists children and elderly in 20 developing countries.

To learn more, call 800-875-6564 or visit Unbound at www.unbound.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

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Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

"Whoever honors his father...when he prays, he is heard..."

Sirach (also known as "Ecclesiasticus") is a book of wisdom, a text book to train young men in Jerusalem. The book praised wisdom and gave advice for a moral life, especially regarding interpersonal and family relationships. These verses addressed the duty a son owed his parents.

Notice the verses expound upon the Fourth Commandment. Sirach revealed the esteem placed upon the extended family as the pillar of society. Honoring one's parents was the most important of the commandments that addressed human affairs. Sirach taught that honoring parents was a sign of righteousness. It forgave sin. It was a means of divine blessing, of having one's prayers heard by God. The patience required for the care of elderly parents would strengthen character. And God would look with compassion upon the son offering such care.

Ancient cultures like that in Judea were family-oriented and elderly-centered. Our modern society often neglects the moral directive of the Fourth Commandment. What was then an obligation is simply an option in the modern world. Yet, the advice given in Sirach is as meaningful today as it was over two millennia ago. Honoring our parents creates strong families and strong societies.

Colossians 3:12-21

"As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

In today's reading, Paul reminds us that we are God's chosen ones and we must, therefore, "put on...heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" as a garment, "...bearing with one another and forgiving one another...as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

Our Christmas celebration brought us the familiar songs and readings that have cheered and comforted us all our lives. Paul asks us to accept the peace that we receive in Christ and to be grateful to God as we are enriched in the wisdom of the psalms and hymns.

Let us keep the joy of Christmas in our hearts throughout the year. "Whatever [we] do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord."



FORGIVE AND FORGET

According to Carl Thoresen, Ph.D., professor of education, psychology, and psychiatry, and principal investigator, Stanford Forgiveness Project, Stanford University, California—"People who forgive and forget enjoy better physical and emotional health than their grudge-holding peers. Grudge-holders tend to be angry and fearful. These emotions can cause heart rate and blood pressure to rise. Over time, this can lead to heart attack, stroke, and other ailments. Forgiveness should extend to oneself as well as to others."

This is not medical advice. Always consult your doctor first.

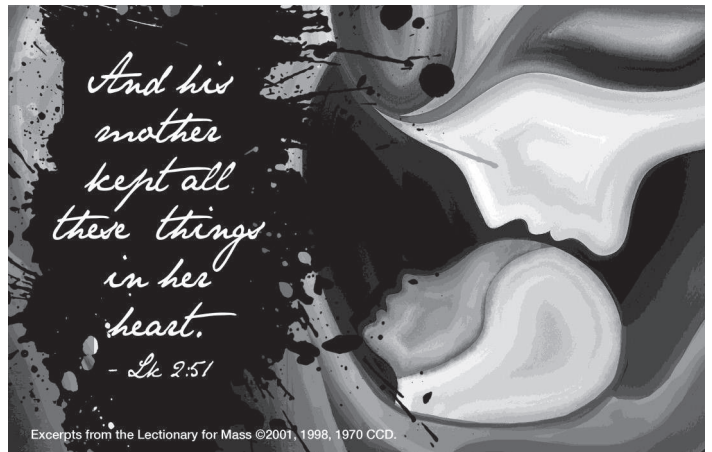
Luke 2:41-52

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

The hallmark of Jesus' life before his baptism was silence. He lived an ordinary life, doing what ordinary people did at the time. He was a Jew, obedient to his faith, his family, and his profession. In that way, Jesus lived as we live. The silence of his early years stressed his solidarity with our human condition. But that silence also sowed the seeds of his ministry, his obedience to the Father.

While Jesus might have been an enfranchised Jewish male, he, as the only Son of God, was among us to do the will of his Father. Jesus did not really belong to the clan from Nazareth. He belonged to his true Father. Jesus' place was in the Father's house. Jesus' mission was to teach the people the way back to the Father. He amazed the teachers just as he would amaze the people along his mission road. But Joseph and Mary did not understand his reasoning.

The tension between the parents and the child began to fulfill the prophecy Simeon made to Mary and foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection. The search caused Mary pain and anxiety as one of the swords that pierced her heart. The climax of the story occurred three days after the celebration of Passover, a foreshadowing of the Resurrection.



Despite the confrontation, Jesus grew in honor (wisdom, size, and reputation). Jesus was a faithful Jew as he honored his parents and obeyed the Fourth Commandment. He existed within the old, the Jewish tradition. But all signs pointed to the new. He was the Messiah. And he would reveal God acting in a new way, with a new people.

Today's Psalm

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

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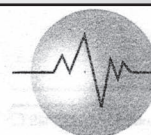


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