

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.

There will be no Baptisms on January 17.

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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The Parish Office is closed on
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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January 3, 2016
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
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, January 2, 2016

***Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church***

4:00 pm (vigil) Matthew Battista



Sunday, January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00 am Our parishioners

10:00 am Paul O'Sullivan (living)

12:00 pm Hector Diaz Jr.

7:30 pm Juana Martinez

Monday, January 4, 2016

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 am Valerie Muenvel

12:10 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 am Christmas Novena

12:10 pm Florentine Bernaldez

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

8:00 am Margaret Monahan (living)

12:10 pm Lillian Conard

Thursday, January 7, 2016

8:00 am Mary Quinn Brody

12:10 pm Matias Bernaldez

Friday, January 8, 2016

8:00 am Erlinda Camacho

12:10 pm Henry Morgan

Saturday, January 9, 2016

8:00 am Hector Diaz

*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

Announced Mass

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 January
will burn in remembrance of
George & Lillian Conard,
Jack Warmbrand and James Lee



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

Today 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.

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek
epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine
upon," "to manifest," or "to make known."
Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the
many ways that Christ has made Himself
known to the world, mainly the three events
that manifested the mission and divinity of
Christ: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of
Jesus, and the miracle at Cana.

MASS ATTENDANCE - December 19 - 20

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
183	131	293	258	151



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!

HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FOR A WHILE?

Are you contemplating living your faith after some time away? Would you like to engage in conversations and reflect on doubts, questions, misunderstandings?

Join the conversation at

St. Thomas More Rectory - 65 E 89th St

Wednesday evenings - Jan 6 thru Feb 10 at 7 PM
or at

Blessed Sacrament Rectory - 152 W 71st St

Thursday evenings - Jan 7 thru Feb 11 at 7 PM

Call 212-876-7718 to register

Free of Charge - refreshments will be served



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.



Actual Announcements in Church Bulletins

- *Coming Up - Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.*
- *All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 PM for the annual Christmas Sing-alone.*
- *Thursday night - potluck supper. Prayer and medication will follow.*
- *Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.*
- *For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*
- *This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.*
- *A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.*
- *Our youth basketball team is back in action on Monday in the gym. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.*



With every day I spend in our parish,
I come to love it more and more.
You have built something
supernatural - and I am blessed to
have become part of it.

Thank you for all that you do to make our parish
strong - spiritually, socially and financially
(especially on the feast of Christmas!).
I am forever grateful to you.

Father Austin

Quarterly Regular Collections

2014 Sep 1 - Nov 30 2015

\$141,359

\$154,340

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
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SAVE THE DATE!

MARDI GRAS FUN - FUND RAISER

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM

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before we begin our Lenten fast.

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Isaiah 60: 1-6

"Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Optimism is the watchword in Isaiah's message today.

The darkness of Advent has been replaced with the glory of the Lord. The light of the Lord among his people shows the way.

Suddenly, the focus of the light shifts to the people. Their rising casts light to those in the darkness and leads them all forth, even the faithful living in exile.

With the rising of the people comes glory and great wealth. The riches of the great nations flow to the people. They even have power over the sea.

These optimistic verses have messianic overtones. They speak of an idyllic time in the future. Many Jews in the time of Jesus had these images in mind when they spoke of God's judgement. Later, Matthew used these verses when he proclaimed the arrival of the Magi. For Matthew and for Christians ever since, the Magi saw the glory of the Lord rise in Judea. But, despite Isaiah's prophecy, the people and their leaders had still not seen the light brought to us by the birth of Jesus.

This passage challenges us to see the light of the Lord. To look beyond the tedium and the mundane. To see his glory shine. And to follow where he lights the way.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

"...the stewardship of God's grace was given to me for your benefit..."

Although the authorship of this reading is disputed, its value is undoubtable to Christians, new and old. God revealed the divine mystery for man's salvation to Paul, who became the herald of God's plan. Paul was witness to the unfolding revelation that culminated in our salvation with Christ's death and resurrection. He shared the message, first with apostles and Christian prophets, who became driven by the power of God's very Spirit. As a result, Gentiles shared in the promise made to the Jews by God. We, the Gentiles, are equals at the table of the Lord with our Jewish brethren, and we share the same salvation in the coming of the Messiah. God's grace came to us all by way of the Good News in scripture.

We evangelize others through our words and example. But have you ever considered evangelization as a vehicle for God's grace? After all, like St. Paul, our words and actions present the face of Christ to others. They reveal God's activity in the world. And they invite others to join us in the Christian life.

Matthew 2:1-12

"...Bethlehem...from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

To end the Christmas season, we turn to Matthew's story of the Magi, the wise men who rose above the mundane day-to-day experience to seek the "light to the nations," the newborn King of the Jews.

On the list of favorite Bible stories, the visit of the Magi floats to the top. Foreign seekers of truth came to witness the coming of a new king. But Matthew had more in mind than wise men on the road. He saw God in the details.

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the pagan nations. It points to Israel's place as the source of God's revelation. The Magi came to seek the newly born King, the one who would be a light to the nations. Their encounter foreshadowed the evangelization success Christianity would have among pagan people who hungered for God's truth. Their encounter also acknowledged Israel as God's chosen people. They would be the source of God's blessing, a living fountain of God's revelation for all people. On the feast of the Epiphany, we rejoice in the worship of the first seekers. We are reminded to honor God's people who gave us the great gift of Jesus, our Lord.

As we look back on the story of the Epiphany, let us remember who called, guided, and revealed himself to the Magi: God. The story was God-driven from the first verse. Let us not forget God himself calls us from the surface experience of daily living to seek something higher, something deeper. He is the one who turns us from those who seek temporal gifts into those who receive grace, the pure gift, at every turn. In God, we find someone to whom we can give our hearts, our minds, and our lives. We find the goal of our quest.

SCRIPTURE CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

ACTS 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening church service when she was startled by a burglar in her home.

She hollered, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (*Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.*)

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

Remember: Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

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