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

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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:**

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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**January 10, 2016**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Announced Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 9, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Fieldstone Lodge Nursing Home

### **Sunday, January 10, 2016**

#### ***The Baptism of the Lord***

8:00 am Our parishioners  
10:00 am Charles M. Cawley  
12:00 pm Rev. Patrick J. Carroll  
7:30 pm Maria Harrison

### **Monday, January 11, 2016**

8:00 am Claire Dunn  
12:10 pm Mary & Frank Sheehan

### **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

8:00 am Amerigo & Lina Fiorini  
12:10 pm Edith Mayhuber & Walter Steiner  
(living) (living)

### **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

#### ***St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

8:00 am Dr. Leo J. Shea III (living)  
12:10 pm Charles Marin

### **Thursday, January 14, 2016**

8:00 am Helen P. Brown  
12:10 pm Samuel Martin

### **Friday, January 15, 2016**

8:00 am Noreen Motta  
12:10 pm Jane Curley

### **Saturday, January 9, 2016**

8:00 am Our parishioners

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

## **MASS ATTENDANCE - December 26 - 27**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
153	109	181	189	101

## **MASS ATTENDANCE - January 2 - 3**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
191	110	260	240	181

## **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



## **TO OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS!**

The birth of Jesus is God's blessing at Christmas.

He has blessed us with our generous Epiphany family all through the new year!!

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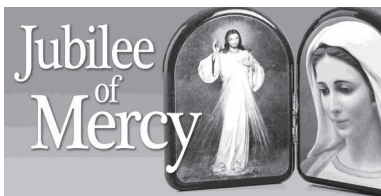
***Music is an expression of joy. Come and be joyful with us!***



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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.

### March for Life in Washington, DC

Friday, January 22



Join the pilgrimage as thousands gather from all over the US to pray for the sanctity of human life.

A Manhattan bus, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office, will leave from

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at **5 AM sharp.**

Pilgrims will attend Mass with Cardinal Dolan in Bethesda, MD at 10:30 AM, followed by the march in DC.

Cost for the trip is \$50.

Please write check to 'Sisters of Life'.

If you are not able to attend, please consider making a donation so that others can attend.

For further information and to register,

Call: Sr. Shirley at 212-371-1011 x3195

Or e-mail: sr.shirleyann@archny.org



**A Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted.**

*"My mommy looked back once while she was driving", he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."*



### YOUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

I am truly awed by - and humbled by - the generosity of so many at this time of year. I am eternally grateful for **your** making our church -

Epiphany - viable. Winston Churchill once remarked, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." You have given much and I am extremely grateful. Thank you!  
~ Fr. Austin

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses

**2014 Sep 1 - Dec 31 2015**

\$308,888

\$256,402

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](http://www.unbound.org).



### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

### **MARDI GRAS FUN - FUND RAISER**

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM  
at Epiphany Parish Hall

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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

### Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

**"Fear not to cry out...Here is your God."**

The beginning of Second Isaiah presents a scene of divine command and the announcement of a town crier. God pronounces a nation-wide forgiveness and the crier announces the return of the exiles.

The changing events justify the loyalty of the exiles to their God. Now God could display his power, even through a foreign king. The Jewish nation could again rally around their God. They could once again show religious and patriotic pride. God had saved them!

In this reading, God gathers his flock in his arms and carries his lambs in his bosom. He is our shepherd and we are his flock.

### Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

**"I formed you...to open the eyes of the blind...to bring out...those who live in darkness."**

Again, Isaiah is the bearer of good news. God has given us his "chosen one" with whom he is pleased - a "chosen one" and yet a "servant" who will bring justice to the nations, Jew and Gentile alike. The justice will be brought forth not with shouting, but with gentleness and teaching.

Again, Isaiah tells us we will receive God's light "to open the eyes of the blind" and "bring out prisoners...from the dungeon...who live in darkness."

Still today, God sends his light to free us from darkness that sometimes keeps us from living the faith that Jesus taught us. If we open ourselves to God's light, it can be the instrument that brings us into the wholeness of life and the renewal of our faith.

### Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

**"he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"**

Paul's letter to Titus tells us that God's grace comes to us unearned by any righteous deeds we have done, but because of his great mercy. We are saved by Baptism, inspired by God's grace to live temperately, justly and devoutly as we await his coming. Our Baptism prepares us to be heirs in hope of eternal life.

### Acts 10: 34-38

**"Jesus...went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."**

When Peter, the apostle, visited the house of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion and a righteous Gentile, he realized that all nations and all men are acceptable to God.

Peter learned that the Good News had spread to many new people, Jews and Gentiles alike. "God shows no partiality...whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

Peter recognized that when Jesus was anointed by God in his baptism, he received the Holy Spirit and the power to heal our weakness and to empower us to live the faith and salvation we received at his death and resurrection.

Why does God accept us? Why did he show us his face in the person of his Son? Because we are his children and he wants us to look to him, see how he lights our way, and know that we are his.

### Today's Psalm

*The Lord will bless his people with peace*



The baptism  
of Jesus  
inspires  
love

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### Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**"You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."**

Unlike the accounts found in Mark and Matthew, Luke simply recorded the fact that Jesus had been baptized. This reflected Luke's emphasis *not* on historical event, but upon the revelation of its importance.

More important to Luke was the message that the revelation of the Trinity occurred during Jesus' prayer. As he prayed after his baptism, Jesus received revelation and insight from God. The Holy Spirit descended upon him from heaven in the form of a dove. In Luke, the image of an actual dove and the hearing of an actual voice communicates the concrete reality of God's grace with us. The heavens were opened. There was no barrier between God and his people. His grace was with us.

Luke's gospel reminds us that, in prayer, we can realize the gift of God's grace. Prayer is a time for gentle insight and peace. It does not shatter, but it does move.

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