

**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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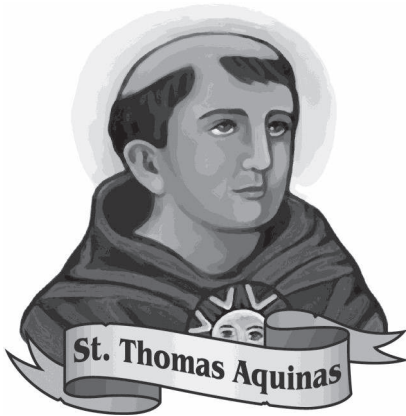
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**January 24, 2016**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*



**Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Grant me,  
O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance  
in waiting for you,  
and a hope of  
finally embracing you.  
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.

There are many Masses available  
in our 2016 Mass Book.

Please call the rectory to reserve Masses  
to remember loved ones and for special intentions.

**Announced Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Richard Oates

**Sunday, January 24, 2016**

8:00 am Joseph Walsh  
10:00 am Dorothy Kroeger  
12:00 pm Kathleen Nardoza  
7:30 pm Our parishioners

**Monday, January 25, 2016**

**Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

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



**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

8:00 am Helen J. Morris  
12:10 pm Walter Lissmann

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

8:00 am Della Frazier-Rios (living)  
12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

**Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am Maria Skiba  
12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh



**Friday, January 29, 2016**

8:00 am Mary B. Power  
12:10 pm Maria Bernaldez

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

8:00 am Vivian Grijalva (living)

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

**Remembrance**

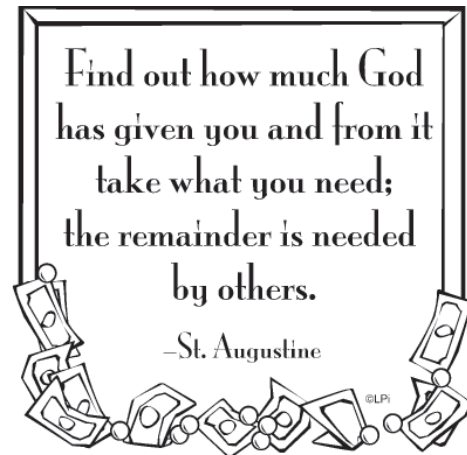


Our Sanctuary lamp during  
the month of January  
will burn in remembrance of  
George & Lillian Conard,  
Jack Warmbrand and James Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Please pick up the new Eucharistic Minister  
Schedule in the Ushers' Room.

The schedule is also available  
on the Epiphany website.



**The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!**

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called  
to help one another and to be merciful  
- as Jesus is to all of us.

It is only with **your help** that the  
*Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*  
continues to be a beacon of hope  
for our brothers and sisters  
through our ministries and charities.

Help Epiphany Parish reach our 2016 goal!

**MASS ATTENDANCE - January 16 - 17**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
195	113	266	231	78



### 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!**



### **EPIPHANY SCHOOL REGISTRATION WEEK**

Mon - Fri, February 1 - 5

in the Parish Hall (on Second Av)

Mon, Feb 1: Pre-Kindergarten (birth year: 2012)

Tues, Feb 2: Kindergarten (birth year: 2011)

Wed, Feb 3: Grades 1 - 7

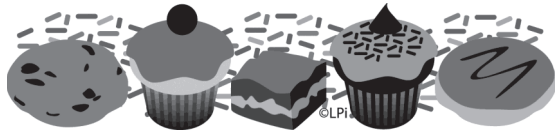
Thurs, Feb 4: Nursery (birth year: 2013)

Fri, Feb 5: Toddler Two Program  
(must turn two by 1st day of school)

For further information

or to schedule a tour of Epiphany School,  
kindly visit the school website at:

<http://www.theepiphanyschool.org>  
select 'Registration' under the 'Admissions' tab



### **Sunday, January 24 - 8 AM - 1 PM in Msgr Farricker Hall**

The Scouts of **Cub Scout Pack 422**  
are raising funds to support  
their Scouting adventures.

Come & enjoy homemade treats,  
hot beverages & more!

Watch demonstrations of Scout skills &  
enjoy some fun games for the children.

Please come and enjoy this community event.

### **Worth It?**



A man and his ten year-old son were on a fishing trip miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday Mass at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son a dime to drop into the offering plate as it was passed.

As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained, "the Mass was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring and the singing was off key!"

Finally the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for a dime!"



### **Feeding Our Neighbors January 23-24 & 30-31**

Who is our neighbor?  
Anyone to whom we show mercy  
is our neighbor.

Catholic Charities has asked all Catholics to help replenish dwindling food pantries in the New York Archdiocese.

Many families have difficulty affording food for nearly 325,000 children.

That's 22% of the children in the 10 counties of the New York Archdiocese.

We turn to our Epiphany parishioners, friends, and families - the kindest of neighbors - to help us make sure that no hungry family is turned away from local food pantries.

Food collection boxes will be available in the lobby of Epiphany church on the weekends of January 23-24 and January 30-31.

Visit the Epiphany website ([www.epiphanychurch.nyc](http://www.epiphanychurch.nyc)) for information on suggested nutritious foods.

### **International Thomas Merton Society**

Saturday, January 30 - 2:00 - 7:00 PM (Mass at 5 PM)  
Corpus Christi Church - 529 W 121 St

The Corpus Christi chapter of the Society will host Fr. Daniel Horan OFM, who will speak on "The Christ of Thomas Merton & Julian of Norwich". Also speaking will be Baroness Catherine de Hueck Doherty and Sr. Therese Lentfoehr.

Mass at 5 PM - Gala Reception follows

Admission is \$10 for non-members; free for members

For information call: 212-666-9350

or visit: [www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/corpus-christi-chapter](http://www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/corpus-christi-chapter)



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

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM

in the Epiphany Parish Hall

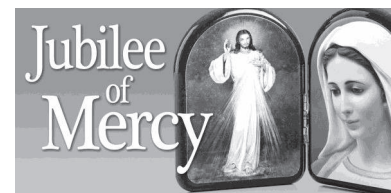
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Tickets are available in the church narthex and at the rectory office during business hours.

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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

### Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6, 8-10

**"Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad...for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."**

Once again, we are reminded of God's deliverance of his chosen people from captivity. Nehemiah reads to the people from the scrolls, reminding them of God's laws, but also telling them to rejoice in these laws because the people are finally free to follow in the ways set down by the Lord. The laws do not restrict; they bestow freedom.



The people weep because the devastation of their city obscures their appreciation that the rebuilding of their city, the laws from God, the practice of their faith are all part of their new freedom, given to them by God as his chosen people.

Nehemiah's words are a reminder to us to be joyful for God's gifts all around us - not the least of which is the **freedom** to be joyful.

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**"Though many (we) are one body...Gentile or Jew, slave or free, we...drink of one Spirit."**

Last week we briefly explored the spiritual gifts. Cliques among the Corinthian faithful used these gifts to support their claims of leadership within the community. Their struggles were tearing the community apart.

In response, Paul implied a hierarchy of gifts that began with wisdom and spiritual knowledge. Such charisms as miracles, healing, tongues, and interpretation were farther down the list. His list foreshadowed his discussion of order within the Church.

Paul's advice was simple. Underneath the diversity of people and activities in the Church, there was a real unity of believers in Christ. That unity was brought about by the Spirit. The Spirit brought different people together, Jews and Gentiles, from different strata of society, slaves and free, into a single, living reality.

### 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Today's Psalm: 19

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

### Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring glad tidings..."**

Luke recounts the life of Jesus while he lived among his people.

Reading the scrolls in the temple, Jesus proclaims the words of Isaiah, bringing the glad tidings of liberty to captives, sight to the blind. The Good News is not just for the economically poor or the physically blind and captive, but for the people who are challenged in their lives because they are separated from God.

In the first reading today, Nehemiah proclaimed the same Good News of freedom and joy to the oppressed.



Luke's comments seem to indicate the process of gathering and collating material about Jesus was an active pursuit in the Christian community. After all, some fifty years had passed from the death of Jesus to the writing of Luke's gospel. The Church was growing rapidly and so was the hunger of new Christians to learn about the life of their Lord. The generation of eye witnesses was also dying out. A written Gospel would help bridge the gap of time and feed the needs Christian communities removed from the Christ event by two or three generations.

Luke wrote his Gospel as a means to pass on the faith, especially to a new believer. He wrote to solidify what a new believer had already learned. Luke was interested in explaining why the Church community existed and why that community believed. The life of Jesus answered those questions. Luke was separated from Jesus by a generation. He wanted to preserve the teachings of Jesus and promote faith among his contemporaries.

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