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Monday through Friday hours:

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Sunday hours:

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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.

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January 31, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Deceased members of the Dooley Family

Sunday, January 31, 2016

8:00 am Our parishioners 10:00 am Lucy Merin 12:00 pm Nuala Mullen 7:30 pm Elsie Brown

Monday, February 1, 2016

8:00 am Steven Golino 12:10 pm James Flanagan

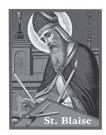
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Mary Murphy 12:10 pm Doreen Straker



Wednesday, February 3, 2016 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:00 am Mary T. Walsh 12:10 pm Teddy Bernaldez Throats will be blessed after Masses today.



Thursday, February 4, 2016

8:00 am Frank & Amalia Stancato

12:10 pm Sandy Morgan

Friday, February 5, 2016 St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 am Wally & Lucille Howlett 12:10 pm Robert Curley



Saturday, February 6, 2016 St. Paulo Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am Raul Diomampo



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

MASS ATTENDANCE - January 23 - 24

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4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 64 73 246 333 61

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Announced Mass

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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.

Our Sanctuary Lamp

During the month of January will burn in remembrance of George & Lillian Conard, Jack Warmbrand & James Lee During February 1 - 13 will burn in remembrance of Josepha Maria Mayagua



The Feast of St. Blaise

Wed, February 3

Throats will be blessed after the 8 AM & 12:10 PM Masses.

Ash Wednesday

February 10 is Ash Wednesday,

the beginning of the holy season of Lent.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 8:00 AM Mass & the 12:10 PM Mass and at Prayer Services at 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and a day of abstinence from meat.





Stations of the Cross

Pray the Stations of the Cross on the **Fridays of Lent** after the 12:10 PM Mass beginning on February 12th.

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 all of our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. Help Epiphany Parish reach our 2016 goal!



Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

We welcome volunteer Singers and Musicians to join us as we prepare for the Lent and Easter season.

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

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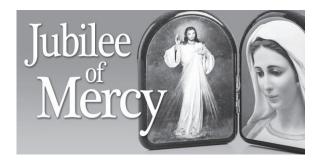
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"On behalf of Epiphany Brownie Troop 3318" in the gift note area so the Mission will count your donation toward our troop's tally.

Please address questions to troop leaders Louise Geddes (louisecgeddes@aol.com) Bridget Austin (bridgetaustin@vrizon.net)





Feeding Our Neighbors Final weekend

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 are available in the lobby of our church.

The food will be picked up this coming week.

Visit the Epiphany website (www.epiphanychurch.nyc) for information on suggested nutritious foods.



Rest in Peace

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and

small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask,

"Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"



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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you... I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Jeremiah preached before and during the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon. According to tradition, he was exiled to Egypt and died as a martyr.

This passage describes the call of Jeremiah. Like many of the other prophets, Jeremiah is called by God in four steps: 1) commission of the prophet by God, 2) objection of the prophet, 3) God's reassurance to the prophet, and 4) God's sign to the prophet. This reading describes the commission of Jeremiah and God's reassurance and sign that Jeremiah was given in a vision.

Jeremiah's call speaks to our call as Christians. We are all called by God from the moment of our creation in the womb for one purpose: life with God. Witness through our words and actions is our "yes" to God's call. While we might not be called to be a great prophet like Jeremiah, we are all called to make a difference, however "small" our place in the world.

Witness does require courage and honesty. Often, our humanity causes us to shrink away from the demands of witness, like Jeremiah was tempted to do. But we must remember that, as God promised Jeremiah, he will strengthen us for the fight, "for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." He will be with us always for he is our salvation.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 "Love never fails."

This reading is a favorite for wedding ceremonies. Yet, a couple might not choose this "ode" to love if they understood the true intent of Paul's words.

Earlier in Corinthians, Paul wrote of our gifts, acknowledging that they are many and disparate, yet bestowed upon us by the one same Spirit.

As humans will do, the leaders of the Corinthian church allowed these spiritual gifts - tongues, spiritual knowledge and prophecy - to become reasons to grasp power among the new Christians. As they fought for turf, citing their gifts as reasons for power, Paul presented the ideal virtue of the Christian community: **charity, love**. Paul did so in such a way as to discourage any attribute that existed without love. A gift of tongues without love is a clanging cymbal. A gift of prophecy without love is nothing. A man gains nothing from giving away all he owns if he does so without love.

Love will cause prophecy and insight to grow, while neither can endure without love. Love will enhance the gift of tongues, but tongues will eventually cease without love. Without love, all spiritual gifts fade away.

Our prophecies and knowledge are limited by our humanity, but the perfection of love is not limited. Love's perfection leads us become more perfect. The human frailties of turf possession, social climbing, controlling our world can create a trap for us...from which Love can set us free.

Love in all its forms, parent to child, spouse to spouse, friend to friend, even stranger to stranger, will lead us to perfect our gifts and deliver us to the life God planned for us before we were even born.

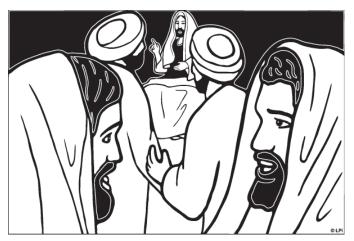
Today's Psalm: 71

I will sing, I will sing of your salvation.

Luke 4:21-30

"...no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

This Sunday's gospel passage is a continuation of last week's reading when Jesus entered the synagogue and declared Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled. In that declaration, Jesus referred to himself as God's servant, the Chosen One upon whom God had given his Spirit. Jesus' mission was proof of that claim; he preached, taught, and healed in the name of God's Kingdom. His simple, straightforward declaration would cause controversy to those who thought they knew "Joseph's son."



At first, Jesus acknowledged their objections: "Physician, cure yourself." Some in the small town community who watched Jesus grow up had placed Jesus into a box, a pecking order, like many family members do. They knew his strengths and weaknesses, so they thought Jesus should prove himself at that moment. And prove them wrong! This was simply their way of putting Jesus into his place.

"Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum." Others in the community were looking for a show. Unconsciously, they had reduced Jesus' ministry to an intellectual debate over theology and a few parlor tricks. For them, Jesus had entertainment value.

Jesus responds to their comments with an appeal to the two great prophets of Galilee: Elijah and Elisha. The two signs given by these prophets were to foreigners to promote faith in the Jewish God. As these great prophets were called to do, so was Jesus.

Why did the crowd rise up against Jesus? Because he stepped outside the box they had constructed for him. He was no longer the local boy who made good; he was a self-proclaimed prophet. And his signs were not for the edification of the mob, but for the glory of God. In these ways, he rejected the expectations of those in Nazareth, and, so, they rejected him. As a last sign to them, Jesus walked safely through them and, according to Scripture, he never returned to his hometown.

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