

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

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February 7, 2016
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions**Saturday, February 6, 2016****St. Paulo Miki & Companions,
Martyrs**

4:00 pm (vigil) Francisco Paineira

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**

8:00 am Our parishioners
 10:00 am John Anthony Caulfield
 12:00 pm Sandra H. Acerno (4th Anniversary)
 7:30 pm Damaso Rotor

Monday, February 8, 2016

8:00 am Deceased members of
the Golino Family
 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

8:00 am Lorenzo & Carmela Memoli
 12:10 pm Rev. Edward J. Rizzo

Wednesday, February 10, 2016**Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am Lorenzo & Carmela Memoli
 12:10 pm Mary Golino
 3:00 pm Prayer Service
 7:30 pm Prayer Service

**Ashes will be blessed & distributed
at Masses and Prayer Services.**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

8:00 am Henry Kleitn (living)
 12:10 pm in honor of the Blessed Mother

Friday, February 12, 2016

8:00 am Karin Ruecksties
 12:10 pm Libertito Pelayo

Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:00 am Katie McLynsky

*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.

**There are many Masses available
in our 2016 Mass Book.**

Please call the rectory to reserve Masses.**Our Sanctuary Lamp**

During February 1 - 13
will burn in remembrance of
Josefa Maria Mayuga

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 & 12:10 PM Masses
and at Prayer Services at 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast
for all Catholics who are 18 to 59 years of age
and are in good health.

Catholics abstain from meat on
Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.

**+ DAY of
FASTING
and ABSTINENCE**

***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.



*We're happy
you're back,
**FATHER
TITUS!**
(especially Murphy!)*

MASS ATTENDANCE - January 30 - 31

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
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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!

22 Club Resumes

Our 22 Club will resume its meetings on
Tuesday, February 16
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In Msgr Farricker Hall - 375 Second Avenue
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Louise Geddes (louise Geddes@aol.com)

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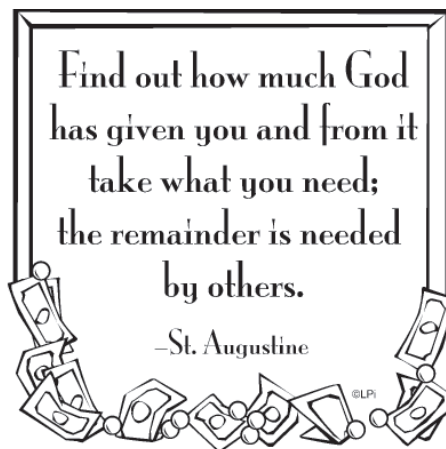
Call to Lenten Prayer

As we begin the season of Lent
and prepare for Easter,
please join your fellow parishioners for a
few moments of prayer

each Sunday - 9:15-9:30 AM

February 21 through Palm Sunday

The world needs prayer!



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!

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table,
she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said,
"Would you like to say the blessing?"



"I wouldn't know what to say," the little
girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say,"
the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord,
why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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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 6:1-2a, 3-8 "Here I am...send me!"

Unlike any other prophet, Isaiah receives his prophetic call in a vision during Temple worship.



He sees the Seraphim as they avert their eyes from the blinding glory of God and he hears them praising God with "Hosannas". The earth shook in response to the power of God's divine presence.

Isaiah was fearful because God's presence made him aware of his own sinfulness. He knew he needed to be cleansed in order to answer God's call to prophesy. By cleansing his lips with a burning ember, the Seraphim rendered Isaiah worthy to serve God as his prophet.

He hears the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answers, "Here I am. Send me."

During the approaching season of Lent, we do penance in order to become worthy of God's redemption so that, like Isaiah, we can say, "Here I am, Lord."



1 Corinthians 15:1-11

"...whether it be I or they (the apostles), so we preach and so you believed."

In today's reading, once again, Paul tries to re-focus the Corinthian Christians on the Good News – that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day – all according to scripture.

At the time of Corinthians, there were still people among the living who had seen the risen Christ. Paul, himself, had encountered the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. That encounter changed Paul from a zealous Pharisee who lived in obedience to the secular law to a committed follower of Christ who lived in obedience to God's law. He, like all who encountered the Risen Lord, strove to be the face of Christ to others.

As Paul and his fellow witnesses to the Risen Lord went out into the world, they didn't simply preach; they proclaimed. Their ministry was to carry the Good News and to live the Gospel that they brought. By their evangelization, they inspired others to believe and to live in the presence of Christ. The ongoing chain of experiences traced from the apostles and others who saw the Risen Lord, through the generations that followed, all the way to present-day followers of Christ.

Still today, our primary mission as Christians is to be Christ to the world. Paul's message to the Corinthians could not be more relevant today:

"So we preach and so you believed."

Today's Psalm: 138

*In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.*

Luke 5:1-11

"Do not be afraid...they left everything and followed him."

Luke enfolded a fish story that turns common sense upside down. To maximize a catch, fishing was done at night when water was cool and the activity of the fish was minimal. During the day, the fish would see the activity of the boats on the surface and, with the water warming, would easily swim away.

Astonished by the size of the catch, Simon realized the power and presence of God before him. He begged Jesus to leave because he acknowledged himself as a sinful man. Before the sign, Simon had his life laid before him: a fisherman who would live and die by the Sea of Galilee. After the sign, he recognized Christ's invitation to a new life that would demand fundamental changes in the life he had lived until then.



An encounter with God is an experience that transcends our human perceptions. Moses encountered God in the burning bush. When asked for a name, God responded, "I Am who I Am." The name itself described the unknowable, yet it also revealed God's eternal presence. He who was beyond all understanding would be close, present to whom he revealed himself. Moses understood that God always was and always would be present. God was eternally transcendent, yet eternally imminent. An encounter with such a reality demanded a response. It could not be ignored.

An encounter with God transcends, not just our understanding, but our expectations. Simon could never have anticipated that he would receive a call from God. Yet, he was invited by Jesus to reach within and beyond himself and follow the Lord.

More often than we realize, we receive a call from God. Sometimes our hand is guided to pick up a book that is just what we needed to read at that moment. Sometimes a person crosses our path who brings us the very peace we had been seeking. Sometimes we are awakened by the words of a reading or homily that seems to have been written just for us. That is God whispering to us in our noisy, busy world. We sometimes need to lower the volume of life so that we can hear God's whispers.

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