

**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

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**February 14, 2016**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions****Saturday, February 13, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Holy Souls

**Sunday, February 14, 2016**

8:00 am Louis Pappalardo  
 10:00 am Margaret Williams Martin  
 12:00 pm Therese Whalen  
 7:30 pm Jean Hodel

**Monday, February 15, 2016**

8:00 am Gertrude M. S. Walsh  
**No 12:10 Mass today**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

8:00 am Peggy Lynch  
 12:10 pm Robert McKenna

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

8:00 am Antonio Pinto  
 12:10 pm Angelina Alessi

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

8:00 am Gabriel Rotor (living)  
 12:10 pm Mary Newport & Frances McDermott

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

8:00 am Dionisio Garcia  
 12:10 pm Vivian Grijalva (living)

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

8:00 am Magdalena Barrios

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

**Call to Lenten Prayer**

During the season of Lent  
 as we 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!

**MASS ATTENDANCE - February 6 - 7**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
214	119	347	265	91

**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 14 - 20  
 will burn in remembrance of  
 George & Lillian Conard and  
 Jack Warmbrand & James Lee

**LET US REMEMBER!**

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence  
 on which all Catholics over the age of 14  
 refrain from eating meat.

It is a small sacrifice to remind ourselves  
 of the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

***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.

**On the Money**

We have completed five months of  
 our new fiscal year. I am happy to  
 announce that, compared to last  
 year at this time, our expenses  
 have declined by \$87,202 (22%).

We will leave no stone unturned as we continue on  
 our expense diet. (Additionally, our revenues have  
 increased by \$28,000 (7%).

***Thank you for doing your part!***

If there is more (or, perhaps, less) operating  
 financial data that you would like to see each week,  
 just drop me a line and I'll do what I can.

We have nothing to hide. And you *know* I cannot  
 hide my gratitude.

***Fr. Austin***



### 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 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!**

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### 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  
(2nd meeting will be on March 1)



### Feeding our Neighbors

As always, the parishioners of Epiphany stepped up to the plate and hit a home run.

You contributed more than 500 lbs of non-perishable food for New Yorkers in need.

St. Francis Food Pantries has collected your contributions and will share them among various food pantries in need of goods to replenish their shelves during the winter months.

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### Flu Season - Let's stay healthy!

With flu season upon us,  
we remind our parishioners that  
it is not necessary to shake hands at the sign of peace.

You may express peace  
through another gesture or verbal greeting.

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### Forty Days of Life

Can you devote an hour to pray for the unborn on Sat, March 5, b'twn 7am & 8pm?

Pray with your fellow parishioners & the Sisters of Life outside Planned Parenthood at 26 Bleeker Street (btwn Mott & Elizabeth Streets).

For further information & to sign up to pray for an hour, contact: Beth Mumm at [mummsgarlat@aol.com](mailto:mummsgarlat@aol.com)

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### Stewardship Responsibility

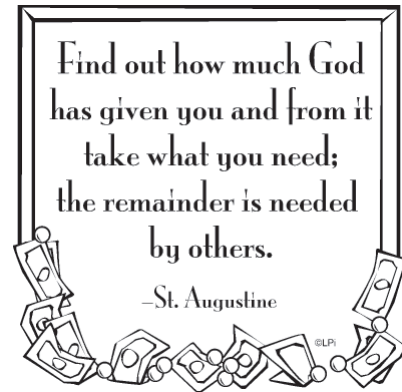
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If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541

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### The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

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!**

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### Attention Dating, Engaged & Married Couples

#### ***Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Catholic Couple Checkup giveaway!!***

The Archdiocese of New York's Family Life & Respect Life Office is excited to announce that, as part of World Marriage Week, we are offering 100 free codes for Catholic Couple Checkup.

The Checkup is an online tool designed to

- improve relationships
- stimulate dialogue
- increase understanding

#### **Best of all...it's on us!**

Visit [nyfamilylife.org](http://nyfamilylife.org)

during the month of February for your free code. Don't miss out! Free codes are limited.

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### Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org) as well. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

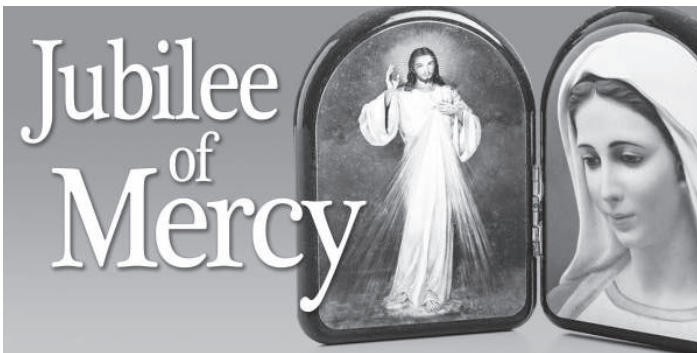
(In order to understand God's love, we need to understand what He says)

### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

***"He brought us out of Egypt...with his strong hand and outstretched arm..."***

Moses spoke to his people in an attempt to guide them to make the one true God the center of their lives. In his time, Jews acknowledged the existence of one God on their Sabbath when they visited the temple, but on other days, they made sacrifices to pagan gods (perhaps hedging their bets because they weren't 100% sure there *WAS* only one God).

Moses read them the law, instructing them in the words to say and the ritual to follow in bringing the best of their harvest to the one true God. He reminded them that it was the one Lord who delivered them, as he promised, out of Egypt into the land of milk and honey. Their sacrifices were a just return to the Lord, to whom they owed everything. Bowing down in his presence was fitting humility and bringing their first fruits was a proper honor to the one true God.



### Romans 10:8-13

***"...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."***

Once again, Paul is attempting to unite the disparate people of the new Christian faith. The Jews believed in the unity of the human person, spirit and body were one. The Greeks believed that the spirit was a separate entity within a physical body.

Paul, born a Jew with a Jewish worldview, sought to unite body and spirit within all new Christians, Jew and Greek alike, to accept the faith that Paul and Christ's other disciples preached. Christ's followers must confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead and they will be justified and saved. Paul reminded them that scripture promises that no one who believes in Him will be put to shame. The one Lord is Lord of all and one need only call his name to be saved.

### Today's Psalm: 91

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

### Luke 4:1-13

***"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."***

Long experience had taught the tempter to try the easiest temptation first, one of having one's human



needs satisfied. It would have been the most understandable to which the human Jesus could fall prey. Perhaps the lesson for us is that the small temptation is just the first step in giving in to more serious ones. If

Jesus had used a miracle to satisfy his very human hunger, he would have acted as the Son of God, instead of the son of man and he would have shaken off the very humanity he had assumed for our sake.

A relentless tempter, Satan returns to Jesus, tempting him a second time with power and glory, a much more serious test. Again, a human longing to make a difference and be honored in this world has been the downfall of many. Satan offers seemingly easy terms to obtain this power – just worship him. But Jesus again resists, recognizing that honor and glory belong to God and to God alone. The lesson in Jesus' words is that power, seemingly cheaply obtained, would be very dear in the end – to spend eternity without God.

The final – and trickiest – temptation is one in which Satan assures Jesus that, if he leaps from the parapet of the temple, God will save him. No, it is not a sin to trust in God, but to expect God to save us from perils we have chosen for ourselves is presumption disguised as trust. If we venture into dangers, whether physical or moral, where no call of duty takes us, unnecessarily placing ourselves in circumstances where nothing but a *miracle* from God can save us, we fall prey to the snares which Satan lays for souls that have survived his simpler temptations.

The three answers with which Jesus overcame Satan are the mottoes we can use to conquer temptations. **Trust God**, by whose will we live.

**Worship God**, in whose service we are given everything in this world that is good for us.

**Tempt not God**, whose angels guide our feet on the path when it is *His* path, and who knows trust that is not submission to His ways is *tempting* God, not *trusting* Him.

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