

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 – 3:45 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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February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Annie Grealis

Sunday, February 21, 2016

8:00 am Our Parishioners
 10:00 am Bridie O'Shea
 12:00 pm Rose Devasthali
 7:30 pm Peter Jackman

Monday, February 22, 2016**Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

8:00 am Jean Hodel
 12:10 pm Evelyn & Hugh Lynch
 & Family (living)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

8:00 am Leoida Elvena Minor
 12:10 pm Ann McPhail & Family (living)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh
 12:10 pm Rose & Daniel Harnett
 & Family (living)

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:00 am Peter Jackman
 12:10 pm Erika Marie Escueta

Friday, February 26, 2016

8:00 am Ana Zubrzycki
 12:10 pm Giuseppe Astorina

Stations of the Cross after 12:10 Mass**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

8:00 am Joseph Walsh

*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 13 - 14

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
194	80	178	not taken	110

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**

from February 21 - 27
 will burn for Thanksgiving,
 healing & wellness for:

Marlene Nepomuceno,
 Donald Mayer, MD, Victor Tabije, René Lapid, MD
 Tabije-Ramos children, grandchildren & cousins,
 the sick, dying & needy & all the faithful departed.

**Altar Bread & Wine**

During February 21 - 27
 will be offered in memory of
 Erika Marie Escueta

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

**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

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 for your moral and financial support.

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!

ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday, February 27

after the 4 PM Mass (about 5 PM)

Join us for a short organ recital featuring

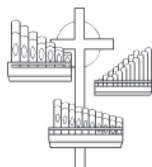
Andrew C. Moeckel

a Masters student of Organ Performance at Hochschule for Music and Theatre in Hamburg, Germany.

Andrew will perform pieces by J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt and Olivier Messiaen.

Don't miss this wonderful event!

Admission is free.



22 Club Resumes

Our 22 Club is meeting again

Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In Msgr Farricker Hall - 375 Second Avenue

Next meeting will be on March 1.



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



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped to make our Mardi Gras "Fun-Fund Raiser" a **SMASHING SUCCESS!**

Our ticket sales were brisk!

Our dinner and wines were delicious!

Our raffles were great fun!

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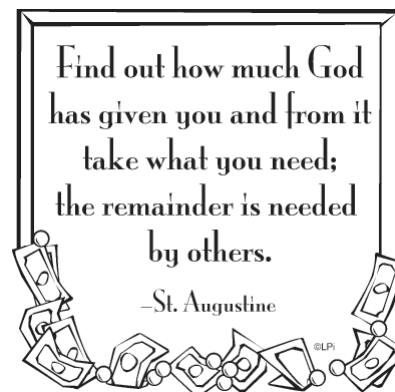
Our guests made the celebration unforgettable!

See you in 2017!

Med-Rite Urgent Care Sunday, February 28

MedRite Urgent Care will visit Epiphany next Sunday after the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses.

Please stop by their table in the church lobby with any questions you may have regarding their services and any general health questions you may have.



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!



A Pastor in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in summer that hell doesn't scare them."



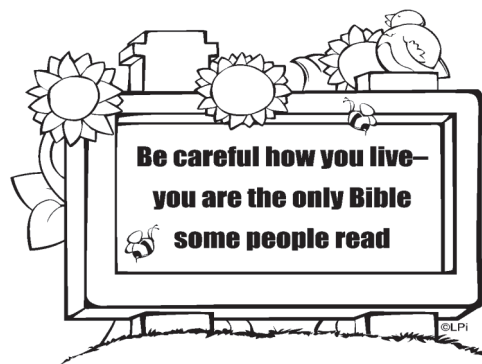
Thank you!

We are proudly grateful to the parishioners of Epiphany for their generous support of Adopt-A-Family during the 2015 Christmas season.

As always, our members shared their blessings with families in need and helped to make Christmas truly wonderful for them.

STEPS Family Services sent their special thanks, "We hope that the new year brings you and your community the joy you have shared with so many this holiday season."

Jesus taught us that our neighbor is everyone in need and our parishioners learned Christ's lesson well.



UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

"To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

How do we know God is really present? When we have an experience that changes us. The experience can be as small as a new feeling or insight, or as grand as a vision. We measure the experience, not by its depth, but by the extent it changes us.

Abraham had a grand vision, but the way it changed him was found in God's gift: descendants and land. Descendants were important to Abraham - to help him in his work and to provide him with "immortality".

Who was this God promising Abraham descendants and land? Abraham's God was the God who was closest to him and could deliver on His promises. This was the God in whom Abraham put his trust.

The vision that God showed to Abraham was similar to an earthly covenant made by a king to a faithful servant. The covenant was an act of gracious gift giving; all obligations and penalties of the covenant were adopted by the king, not by the servant.

In making this covenant with Abraham, God was making the promise that He alone would assume the penalty for breaking the covenant. God was putting his reputation on the line as a deity; if He could not deliver on his promises, He was not worthy of Abraham's trust.

While feeling, insight, and the unexplainable might be measures of God's presence, personal change is a better measure. For Abraham, the change was descendants and land; for us, the change is Church, a place and a community in which to grow closer to God. And these changes are gifts from God.

Philippians 3:20-4:1

"...stand firm in the Lord."

As in many of Paul's letters to the early Christians, he reminds them that they had received the only gift that is important to their lives - the gift of Christ's sacrifice, which enables us to become citizens in heaven.

Paul assures the followers of Christ that the Gentile Christians received the same gift of salvation as the Jewish Christians. He instructed all the new Christians that, while following Jewish laws governing diet and circumcision provided a sense of self-sacrifice, these laws should not be allowed to become more important than their new Christian faith. Man-made laws help to create order and can aid in development of virtue, but faith is a gift from God that blesses our lives.

Paul knew that there was nothing greater than the salvation made possible by the Risen Christ and the faith he gave us to sustain our daily lives.

Today's Psalm: 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Luke 9:28b-36

"This is my chosen Son. Listen to him."

Several verses earlier in Luke's gospel, Jesus revealed the type of Messiah he would be, predicting his own death and resurrection. In today's gospel, he asks his disciples to pray with him. It was time for the power and meaning of his prediction to be made more understandable to them.



When Moses and Elijah appeared with the glorified Jesus, they represented the two divisions of Jewish Scripture, the Law and the Prophets. The conversation among the three about Jesus' coming death foretold the Passion as the fulfillment of Scripture.

Jesus revealed all the symbols needed to understand his message: the light, the central focus on Jesus, climbing the mountain to worship.

Did Peter, James and John fully understand the meaning and implication of Jesus' prediction? Unfortunately, they were asleep, both literally and figuratively. This was a foreshadowing of the same sleep that overcame the apostles during Jesus' Agony in the Garden. The disciples, as humans, were still unable to understand that they had been shown the future - the Son of God transfigured by his resurrection from the dead. But this vision of the future required the gift of faith that Peter had yet to receive. The transfigured Christ was lost on this all too human disciple.

Finally, the revelation receives the confirmation of the Father in the words, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." God revealed the future of salvation through the Law and the Prophets and now through Jesus. Christ's death and resurrection and our salvation were imminent.

*Hem your blessings with gratitude -
so that they won't unravel.*

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