

**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 28, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions****Saturday, February 27, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Eileen Doherty Flynn

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

8:00 am Our Parishioners  
 10:00 am Frank Grealis  
 12:00 pm Eladio Naz  
 7:30 pm Ambrose Blaine

**Monday, February 29, 2016**

8:00 am Carole Fagella  
 12:10 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

8:00 am Teresa Cue  
 12:10 pm Santos Cordero  
 & José Olivo

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

8:00 am Jovina Diaz  
 12:10 pm Shirley Rose

**Thursday, March 3, 2016****St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

8:00 am Josefa Maria Mayuga  
 12:10 pm Lazaro Pesigan

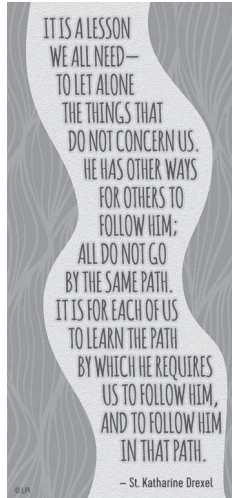
**Friday, March 4, 2016****St. Casimir**

8:00 am Angela Raiola  
 12:10 pm Margaret & Michael Healy  
 Christina & Michael Hannon

***Stations of the Cross after 12:10 Mass*****Saturday, March 5, 2016**

8:00 am Kathryn McHale &amp; Millie Flynn

*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**

from February 28 - March 5  
 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**

February 28 - March 5  
 will be offered in memory of  
 Donald J. Mayer, MD,  
 Victor Tabije & F. V. Ramos

**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

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

Each month, we pay the Archdiocese \$20,966, approximately 1/2 of our collections, which includes the following expenses.

- ADNY Tax \$7,934
- Pension \$5,125
- Medical \$4,260
- Insurance \$3,417

Adding to our obligations, we have been assessed for \$135,000 for the Cardinal's Annual Appeal, for which we must turn to our parishioners for support.

We hope this gives you a clearer picture of our spending and the financial obligations of Epiphany Parish.

**Fr. Austin****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  
 through Palm Sunday

The world needs prayer!

**MASS ATTENDANCE - February 20 - 21**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
225	150	275	282	190



### 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.

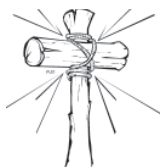
Sing and play with us at Epiphany and be a part of the music of our parish all year long.

**Music is an expression of joy. Come and be joyful with us!**

### Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, March 18 at 7:00 PM

Our annual Taizé Prayer Service incorporates the music of Taizé, readings from Scripture, and periods of silent prayer.



The Season of Lent is the perfect time to experience this meditative candlelight service, inviting us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Holy Week.

To learn more about the Taizé community and their music, please visit [www.taize.org](http://www.taize.org).

### 22 Club Resumes

Our 22 Club is meeting again on 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 [mummsgarlato@aol.com](mailto:mummsgarlato@aol.com)



New Lector Schedules are available in the Ushers' room.

### Greeting the Day

There are two kinds of people in the world ~ those who awaken in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord!"

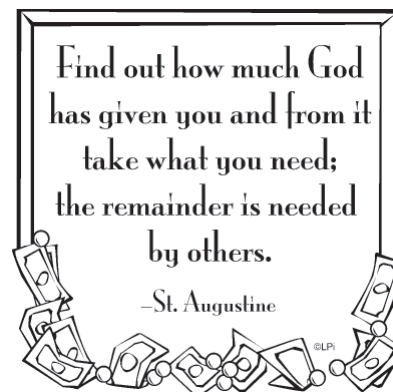
and those who say, "Good Lord! It's morning!"



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

—St. Augustine

### 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!**



### Easter Flowers

Easter is a wonderful season to memorialize a loved one with flowers on the altar of the Risen Lord.

We have a limited number of flowering plants to be dedicated for a special intention this Easter season.

- 2 Sanctuary centerpieces \$500 each
- 2 Tabernacle floral pieces \$300 each
- 15 Easter Lily plants \$100 each
- 15 Hydrangea plants \$100 each
- 15 Azalea plants \$100 each

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### The Joy of Easter Wake Up! and See!

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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

### Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

***"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:  
I AM sent me to you."***



In today's reading, Moses is given the duty of leading his people from bondage. At first, he is afraid, but God assures Moses that he will not be alone. The God of Abraham will be with him.

With this new confidence, Moses wants to know the name of God. It was a Hebrew way of gaining power over a person - to know his name would be to understand the source of his power. But God replied in an enigmatic way, denying Moses power over God. And so, Moses mission to lead began.

Many times, when we try to change God's will through prayer, we become frustrated. No wonder! Like Moses, we seek God's power, only to be reminded that we are not in charge. God changes us. His will be done.

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

***"Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall."***

In these verses, Paul listed the blessings and the transgressions of the Israelites in the Exodus. In doing so, Paul used Exodus as an example that had parallels with the community to whom he wrote.

As always, Paul reminds the Corinthians that they had been blessed with salvation, but they were beginning to forget this life-saving blessing. They grumbled and bickered as cliques within the community squabbled for power. By making the parallel, Paul warned the faithful at Corinth not to become **presumptuous**. If they took for granted the gift of salvation, they could suffer the same fate as the Israelites.

Five lifetimes later, St. Augustine recognized the same human inclination to forget our obligation of gratitude to Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross made our salvation possible.

St. Augustine wrote, "Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved – do not despair. One was not – do not presume."

If new Christians - just a generation away from Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross - could forget their great gift, how much easier is it for us to lose sight of our blessings?

Those who walked with Christ on earth failed the test in many ways. We can do better if we keep the Cross of Christ in our lives, especially during the Seasons of Lent and Easter.



### Today's Psalm: 103

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

### Luke 13:1-9

***"...I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"***

At the time of Jesus, Jews believed that their fate was God's punishment for their sins. Conversely, good Jews would escape such punishment. When those in the crowd related news about Christ's fellow countrymen, they assumed Jesus would agree that the fate of the Galileans matched their crimes. Through Pilate, God judged their actions swift and sure. But Jesus preached otherwise. He compared the execution of the criminal with the tragedy of the innocent.

This answer was confusing to the Jewish people's sense of right and wrong. As the bad were evil by choice, were the good were evil by presumption? Otherwise, how could it be just that the innocent and the guilty suffer the same fate?

It is an age-old question, "Why does suffering fall indiscriminately on the good and the evil among us? Why does God **let** this happen?"

Jesus implied in his answer that people cannot read the mind of God and understand his sense of justice. Nor should they try. The ways of God are mysterious. God's ways are not man's ways.

The parable of the fig tree counterbalanced gloomy news with the hope that time had not completely run out. There was still time to produce fruit, if we are willing to make changes in ourselves. But transforming ourselves would be painful and require help.

Not only was delayed judgment a glimmer of hope, the story implied the mediation of a helper. The gardener pleaded for a delay. So, Christians have always believed, Jesus interceded for the world with his Father. God allowed time for the sinner to repent and revealed the merciful mediation of God's only Son.

Christ gave us the greatest gift in his death and resurrection, and the further gift of time to repent and prepare ourselves for eternal life.



The time to begin is now! The Season of Lent is the perfect time to consider our shortcomings and our blessings; to cleanse ourselves and present our renewed selves to the Risen Christ at Easter.

*"He who asks of God, in faith, things needful  
for this life is sometimes mercifully heard and  
sometimes mercifully not heard."  
~ St. Prosper of Aquitaine*



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