

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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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The Parish Office is closed on
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Gloria Vining

Sunday, March 6, 2016

8:00 am Our Parishioners
10:00 am Angela Raiola
12:00 pm Helen Turner
7:30 pm Aurora Vinciguerra

Monday, March 7, 2016

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh
12:10 pm Frank Power III

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

St. John of God, Religious

8:00 am Eleanore L. McGroarty
12:10 pm Albert Belva

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 am George Memoly Jr.
12:10 pm Lucy Merin

Thursday, March 10, 2016

8:00 am Mary T. Walsh
12:10 pm Rose Cagliostro

Friday, March 11, 2016

8:00 am Celedonio Ridon
12:10 pm Florence Lissmann

Stations of the Cross after 12:10 Mass

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 am Joan C. Woods

*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
through Palm Sunday

The world needs prayer!

MASS ATTENDANCE - February 27 - 28

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
254	134	402	267	162

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 March 6 - April 2
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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Cardinal Dolan has designated March 21 as Reconciliation
Monday for Lent. All parishes in the Archdiocese will have
priests available to hear confessions from 4:00 - 8:00 PM.

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



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.

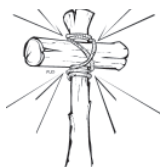
Sing and play with us at Epiphany and be a part of the music of our parish all year long.

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.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE



Good Friday is a solemn day on which to remember the Passion of Christ, walking with fellow Christians as we commemorate the suffering of Jesus on his way to Calvary.

Beginning: 10:00 AM at St. James Cathedral
(corner of Jay & Tillary Sts.)
Ending: 1:30 PM at Ground Zero, St. Peter Church
(16 Barclay St, Manhattan)

For further details,
e-mail: communionandliberation@clhac.com
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Young Adults

YOUNG ADULT MASS with Cardinal Dolan

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30
at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Join the Office of Young Adult Outreach for
Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan.
Adoration and confessions at 6:30 - 7:30

Social after Mass at
Vermillion - 480 Lexington Av (46/47 Sts)

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A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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!

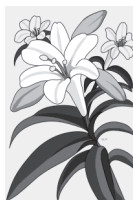
Please note:

With my permission, the Cardinal's Appeal created its initial solicitation to our parishioners using our parish letterhead and my signature.

Unfortunately, the third paragraph of this letter mistakenly referred to the parish of St. Ignatius Loyola and its goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. (The good news is that our goal of \$135,000, while challenging, is not as daunting as theirs.)

On behalf of the Cardinal's Appeal, I apologize for this error. The office of the Cardinal's Appeal assures us that they will work to provide their most efficient assistance in the future.

Fr. Titus



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. Your intentions will be recognized with handwritten cards on the altar throughout the 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

Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

"Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you."

In the first reading, Joshua prepared the people to enter the Promised Land. The days of nomadic survival were over; the time of conquest and settlement were at hand. Just as the people had celebrated Passover before they passed through the Red Sea to freedom, the people ate the Passover before they crossed the Jordan River into Palestine. For Jews at this time, the Passover became a transition ritual. It bid farewell to life in the desert, represented by the manna now disappeared. It welcomed the life of settlement, represented by the yield of the land. The Jews celebrated transition with the rations that they had: unleavened bread and parched grain.

Life transitions can be difficult. Some are joyful, like a moving into a new job or a bigger house, the arrival of children or grandchildren. Some are anxious, like entering a new school. Others are painful, like the loss of a spouse or employment. Often, we find ourselves hopeful and fearful all at once.

All transitions require personal change and a little adjustment in our outlook. Perhaps, like the Jews at their first Passover in the Promised Land, the best way to face these transitions is to celebrate them and greet them with an open heart.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Paul covers a lot of ground in today's verses. We are new creations. Old things are gone. We're all about the new. And – as Paul has been preaching all along – the root of all this newness is God's gift to us, his only Son. Through Christ's death and resurrection, God reconciled the world to himself, counting none of our trespasses and entrusting us to deliver his message of reconciliation.

We are forgiven because God so loved us. Through reconciliation with him, we must become reconciled to others, delivering the message of reconciliation, not just as we speak, but as we live.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Today's Psalm: 103

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"My son, you are here with me always. Everything I have is yours...now we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother...was lost and has been found."

When the Pharisees criticized Jesus for including in his ministry the outcasts of the Jewish faith, Jesus told them a parable of the righteous, the lost and the embrace of a loving father.

The younger son in this parable was given his inheritance during his father's lifetime, as was permitted under Jewish law. He used his birthright to abandon his home (Israel) and turn his back on his people and his religion. This was unforgivable in the Jewish tradition. He was punished for his sin when he was reduced to working for a pagan people among the pigs, an absolute abomination for a Jew.



Truly repentant for his sins, the son returns to his father's house, asking for no special favors, just pleading for forgiveness. The father not only forgives, but rewards the prodigal by embracing him as a

beloved son, with the joy of a father who had found his son alive after thinking he was dead.

The elder son reacted like the Pharisees, thinking, "What about me? I've *always* behaved well. Don't I deserve better than what a sinner receives?"

In this world, the elder son's logic is unassailable. But the forgiveness Jesus teaches is not of this world. It is the forgiveness bestowed by our Father in heaven, our reconciliation with him. Did we *earn* this reconciliation? Or were we given more than we deserve when God gave his only Son as a sacrifice for our salvation?

The story of the Prodigal Son is a story of second chances. Christianity is a lifelong celebration of second chances, not a presumption of God's mercy. Our Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to wipe the spiritual slate clean, a chance to start anew as children of a loving Father.

"The most powerful weapon to conquer the Devil is humility. For as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

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