

**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):**

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**March 20, 2016**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**of the Passion of the Lord**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions****Saturday, March 19, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Patricia Price

**Sunday, March 20, 2016****Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Decima Ibarra David  
 10:00 am Francesco Fiorini  
 12:00 pm Karen Andreasian  
 7:30 pm Ellen & Edward McElroy

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

8:00 am George Memoly Sr.  
 12:10 pm The Valjin Family

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

8:00 am Stanley Gursky  
 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

8:00 am Vicente R. Compas  
 12:10 pm Healing for Mary Ann

**Thursday, March 24, 2016****Holy Thursday**

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Repository open until 11 PM

**Friday, March 25, 2016****Good Friday**

9:00 am Tenebrae  
 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 26, 2016****Holy Saturday**

9:00 am Tenebrae  
 8:00 pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

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

***The Pascal Candle***

has been provided by José and Luella Ramos  
 for the intentions of  
 Joseph & Amanda Ramos & their children,  
 Benjamin, Sydney & Lucas

**Holy Land Collection**

On Good Friday, there will be a collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land. We count on your generosity to support Catholic primary & secondary schools and Catholic University in Bethlehem, as well as a network of clinics and healthcare facilities for Catholic communities in the Holy Land.

**MASS ATTENDANCE - March 12 - 13**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
231	109	259	228	129

**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 20 - 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.

**SACRAMENT**

of

**RECONCILIATION**

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!**

**Good Friday** 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  
 all Fridays in Lent.

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

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

In February, the steam system that supplies our heat required emergency repair. The cost of temporary repairs to the system was \$3,842. The final cost will be much higher.

Unfortunately, such unpredictable expenses place an unavoidable burden on our bottom line.

We hope this gives our parishioners a clearer picture of how unforeseen events affect the financial health of our parish.

**Fr. Austin**



## Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

Easter is just a week away!

As we celebrate our rebirth in Christ,  
it's a perfect time to sing and play together at Epiphany.  
Come 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!**

### Annual Golden Wedding Mass

at St. Patrick's Cathedral



Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2016 are  
invited to attend a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,  
celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

Sat, June 25 at 1:30 PM **OR** Sun, June 26 at 2:00 PM

Pre-registration is required.

(All couples must register in their home parish.)

Please call the Epiphany rectory to make arrangements.

Closing date for registration is Tuesday, May 24.



A little boy was sick on Palm Sunday and  
stayed home from church with his mother.  
His father returned from church holding a  
palm branch. The little boy was curious  
and asked, "Why do you have that palm  
branch, dad?" His father replied, "Well,

when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm  
branches to honor him, so we got palm branches today."  
The little boy replied, "Aw, shucks! The one Sunday I  
miss is the Sunday that Jesus shows up!"



### Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palms will be blessed and distributed at the following Masses.

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Family Mass), 12:00 PM, 7:30 PM

### Monday, March 21, 2016

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

(These are the last Reconciliation hours before Easter.)

### Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM

### Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

There is no Mass at 8:00 AM or 12:10 PM today.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 PM

Repository open until 11:00 PM

### Good Friday, March 25, 2016

Tenebrae: 9:00 AM

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

### Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016

Tenebrae: 9:00 AM

Solemn Vigil of Easter: 8:00 PM

**There is no 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.**

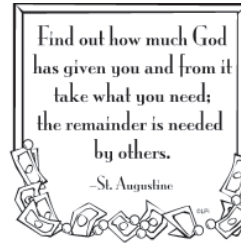
### Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

Mass is celebrated at

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Family Mass) and 12:00 PM

**There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

## 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 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.

Our total as of Friday, March 11, was \$73,895,  
pledged by 131 (of our almost 2,000) families.

We are extremely grateful to all who have submitted their  
pledges, many of which have already been paid in full.

We appeal to all our parishioners to consider prayerfully  
their donation to the Cardinal's Appeal.

We'd love to hear from all our parish families

and we know we can rely, as always,

on the unfailing generosity of our Epiphany parishioners.

If you have not already given, please do so now.

Each and every parishioner's participation is needed.

Thanks in advance for doing your fair share!



## 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.

## 7th Annual Pilgrimage of NY

Saturday, April 16 (rain date: Sat, Sep 17)

Begin: 9 AM at St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine  
701 Fort Washington Avenue - NYC 10040

End: 6:15 PM at a Pilgrim's Mass  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine  
7 State Street - NYC 10004

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and register today!





## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

### Isaiah 50:4-7

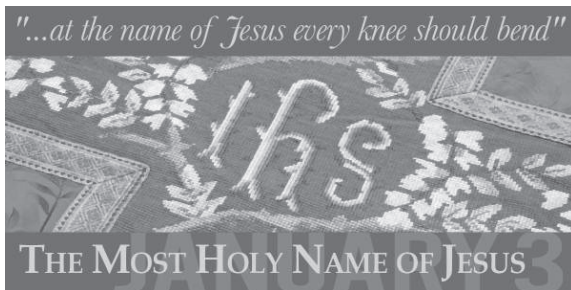
***"The Lord God is my help...I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."***

Today's reading describes the call of the 'Suffering Servant' to preach, despite opposition.

At the time of Second Isaiah, a general pessimism had descended upon the Jewish people. However, there was promise in the coming reign of Cyrus, the Persian conqueror, who respected local religions and customs. Second Isaiah pinned great hope upon Cyrus.

The writer of today's reading considers himself a servant who will deliver the word of God to his people. His message is an attempt to raise the hopes of the exiles and to present the possibility of return. The words convey the resistance that the prophet may have felt. God called him to proclaim an unpopular message and the prophet would remain true to his call. When assuming the burden of using his "well-trained tongue", the speaker acknowledges that he is opening himself to criticism and judgement. His critics would try to shame him. Indeed, the prophet would allow them to shame him because he had faith that God would vindicate him.

The Servant would accept denunciation and judgment as part of God's plan. As long as he remained true to his call, he would stand with honor, not before men, but before God.



### Philippians 2:6-11

***"...God greatly exalted him...at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend..."***

Paul's words today come from a hymn sung in early Christian communities, which reflects their belief in Christ as Isaiah's Suffering Servant.

The hymn began and ended with the divine, but the focus was on Jesus. He was in the form of God, but he did not seek to be equal with God. Instead, he descended to the level of humanity and emptied himself into the form of a servant, "becoming obedient even unto death." He "emptied himself" at his birth and "humbled himself" in the Passion – two pillars of our faith in Christ. God's response to Christ's obedience was that he "greatly exalted him" in his resurrection and glorification. The response of the follower is to worship and to profess faith in the Risen Christ.

The divine Son of God was humble in his birth and death. God was faithful to his Son and to his followers. He gave both eternal life.

### Today's Psalm: 22

*My God, My God,  
why have you abandoned me?*

### Luke 22:14 - 23:56

***"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."***

St. Luke's story of the Passion begins with a gift from Jesus in the form of the Holy Eucharist – a gift of himself for us to experience every day of our lives. The disciples did not understand the magnitude of Christ's gift. As they celebrated the Passover, they did not know how soon he would vanish from their sight. They still saw Jesus in terms of his humanity and, in their own humanity, they could not comprehend what the new kingdom was going to be, nor could they understand that Christ was leaving himself with them in the form of the Eucharist.

Luke's gospel presents the story of Jesus preparing the world for his departure from it as a man. Jesus, the servant who would suffer, would sacrifice himself on the cross for the salvation of the world.

The three scenes in Luke's gospel, the arrest of Jesus, the denial of Peter and the trial before the leadership, are all meant to shame Jesus. Yet, Luke highlighted the shame of his antagonists to a much greater degree. The leaders arrested him under the cover of darkness - like cowards. They unfairly condemned him in a kangaroo court. Along the way, even his first-in-command abandoned him in his very presence. Jesus was alone and rejected. But the shame lay with his abusers. He was innocent. They were the guilty ones.

Luke was an elegant author. In his version of the Passion, the evangelist interwove a series of threes: three scenes, three accusations, three declarations of innocence. The three scenes flow from Pilate to Herod to Pilate. In each scene, the chief priests and the loyal crowd cry out for the execution of Jesus. In each scene, the judging authority declared the innocence of the traveling rabbi. The crescendo built until Pilate acceded to the demands of the mob. Throughout, Luke stressed the innocence of Jesus.

Luke's story ends with another gift, again a gift of Christ offering himself, not in the Eucharist, but on the cross. Unlike the Apostles, we have the perspective of time in which to understand the magnitude of the gifts we have received - Salvation and the Holy Eucharist - both gifts of eternal life.



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