

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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March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 26, 2016

8:00 pm (vigil) Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

10:00 am Susie Williams

12:00 pm John McGettigan

There is no 7:30 Mass on Easter Sunday

Monday, March 28, 2016

8:00 am Holy Souls

12:10 pm Edward E. Brown

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

8:00 am Edward G. Morr

12:10 pm Susan Pappalardo

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

8:00 am Easter Novena

12:10 pm Edilberto Guerra

Thursday, March 31, 2016

8:00 am Deceased members of
the Dooley family

12:10 pm Easter Novena

Friday, April 1, 2016

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh

12:10 pm Francisco Hernandez

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8:00 am Celso Diomampo

*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 March 27 - 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.

Altar Bread & Wine

from March 27 - April 2
will be offered for

George & Lillian Conard
Jack Warmbrand & James Lee



*We
are
an
Easter
people
and
'Alleluia'
is
our
song!*



The Pascal Candle

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

PARISH FINANCES

Our Parish Finance Committee meets every six
weeks or so to oversee the finances of the Church
and School.

The most recent meeting was held on March 16th.
Internal accounting controls were reviewed and
operating results were examined and discussed
for both Church and School.

Many thanks to our committee members, Lauren
Massey, Andrea Heidbreder, John Murphy, James
Hayes and Father Austin.

Questions and concerns can be brought to the
attention of the Finance Committee at the Church
address.

Hallelujah!



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.

Easter Bunny Funnies



Q: Why did the Easter egg hide?

A: It was a little chicken!

Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching
backwards?

A: A receding hareline.

Q: Why did the rabbit cross the road?

A: It was the chicken's day off.

Girl Scout Cookie Weekends

April 10 - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

2nd Grade Brownies

April 16 - 17

after the 4:00, 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses

1st Grade Daisies

Girl Scout cookies will be on sale in the narthex.

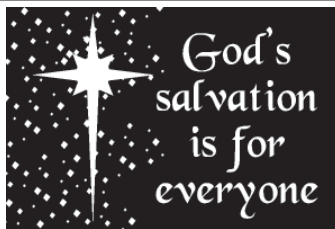


Kindergarten Daisy Bingo Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
in the Parish Hall



Join the Kindergarten Daisy Troop
for a day of fun & winning
to raise funds for the Bowery Mission.

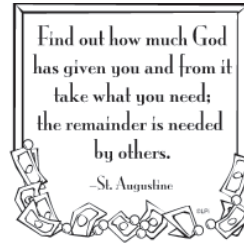


World Autism Awareness Day

Saturday, April 2

Please show your support of the
70 million people affected by autism around the world
by wearing blue on World Autism Day.

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 proves...

"...you can put the truth in a grave,
but it won't stay there."

~ Clarence W. Hill



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

Making stops at
The Church of St. Paul - East Harlem
St. Patrick's Cathedral
The Church of St. Peter - Lower Manhattan

Please visit www.pofnyc.org
and register today!



Sharing Our Gifts

It is the heart that gives.

The fingers just let go.

~ Nigerian proverb



Easter Peace

is not a place away from
noise, trouble, and hard work.

It is a place in the midst of those things
where we can still be calm in our hearts.

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

"...everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Peter's speech emerges in the midst of a rather long narrative around the encounter between Peter and Cornelius, the centurion. Peter came to the house of Cornelius, a "righteous Gentile," to preach the Good News.

For Luke, this moment is significant well beyond Peter's life. This story is a powerful symbol of a promise enunciated from the beginning of Luke's gospel and throughout Acts, a promise represented most powerfully in the resurrection of Jesus. Without question, God's spirit is moving.

Peter used personal witness as a bridge between the events of Galilee and Jerusalem and again to stress the reality of the resurrection. Personal witness became God's commission to preach Jesus as Lord. Along with personal testimony, the apostles had Scriptural and traditional standing and the "prophets" witnessed in Scripture long before Jesus' time among men. The message from the apostles and the prophets was clear: that *everyone* who believes in Christ would receive the forgiveness that God offered to all.

By entering the house of a Gentile, no matter how righteous, Peter made himself ritually impure. But this was of little concern to Peter. He was there to proclaim the Good News. In Isaiah, God said, "See, I am doing something new!" The Good News that Peter proclaimed was part of that "something new" – the forgiveness that Christ's sacrifice on the cross brought to all the world, Jews and Gentiles alike. Salvation is a gift for us all.

Colossians 3:1-4

"...seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

The authorship of this letter to the Colossians is sometimes disputed. But whether it came from Paul or one of his followers, the gift of the Risen Christ is its message.

The letter begins with the assumption that the Colossians had already received Christ's risen life. They are now encouraged to think differently, to seek and think of what is above, not of what is on earth, and to act accordingly.

But even with this new life within them, the new Christians must still await the fullness of life in Christ, which would come when he returned in glory. Until then, Christians had to wait. The seeds of his glory were present and active, but not fully revealed.

Today's Psalm: 118

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

John 20:1-9

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

The resurrection scene from John's gospel emphasizes the empty tomb as a reason for faith. The "disciple whom Jesus loved" did not need the appearance of Jesus himself to believe that Christ had risen. Later, the vision of the risen Lord would cause others to believe.

John's purpose in his narrative of the resurrection is not only to establish that it *happened*, but also to depict the gradual growth of faith in the resurrection among the disciples. This passage contains two main incidents. First there is Mary's skeptical reaction at the tomb, assuming that "they" have taken the Lord and "put him" somewhere. Next, the arrival of Peter and John at the tomb shows faith on two levels: the slowly dawning faith of Peter and the immediate faith of the beloved disciple upon seeing that the Lord had risen.

John believed immediately when he saw that the burial garments had been laid aside because Jesus no longer needed them as he rose calmly and deliberately in his lordship over death.

But Peter still was in the dark. Just as John had outrun his friend, his more sensitive nature, not to say his deeper love - that would be unjust, since their love of the Lord differed in quality more than in degree - had gifted John with a more subtle and swifter-working perception. Perhaps if Peter's heart had not been oppressed by his denial of Jesus, he would have been readier to feel the sunshine of the wonderful hope. It is so very human to condemn ourselves to the shade when we deny our Lord by deed or word.

The most important message of all of today's readings is that the Risen Christ brought the gift of salvation to the sinner and the virtuous, the swift and the slow, the skeptic and the believer. In the Risen Christ we have faith that we can rise with him and "appear with him in glory."



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