Church 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.

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)

12:00 pm (Adult Choir)

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:

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April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) James A. Verlin

Sunday, April 17, 2016

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 am Easter Novena 10:00 am Anthony Burgio 12:00 pm James Hoare

7:30 pm Anna Marie Verbil

Monday, April 18, 2016

8:00 am James Hoare 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:00 am Albert J. Ackel

12:10 pm Ann Marie Capuano

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:00 am Joseph Walsh 12:10 pm Margarita Feliciano

Andres, Milton, Richard

& Edwin Herrera

Thursday, April 21, 2016

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Emmanuel Potato 12:10 pm Easter Novena

Friday, April 22, 2016

8:00 am Timothy J. McGinn 12:10 pm Helen Tierney

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:00 am Sr. Immaculate (living)

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

Baptism Class

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class before their child's baptism.

Please call the parish office to register.



MASS ATTENDANCE

April 9 - 10

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 191 161 389 264 ---



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 April 17 - May 7
will burn in remembrance
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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.)
Call the Epiphany rectory to make arrangements.
Closing date for registration is Tuesday, May 24.

Things are Looking Up!

Weekly Collections

for the

Seven Month Period Ending March 31

2015 \$ 356,359

2016 \$ 374,984

We are so very grateful for our truly wonderful parishioners. You always do your best to make Epiphany all it is called to be!

Thank you so much!



If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.



Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

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!

Sacred Music of Poland St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 PM



The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland invites all New York to a concert of sacred Polish, Renaissance & Baroque music, plus selections from our current era. Our Music Director, Bogna McGarrigle, will perform on the cathedral's organ. Epiphany choir's own Alex Galambos will conduct two combined choirs.

Don't Miss This Wonderful Performance!

We are pleased to announce that Mr. James Hayes has been appointed President of The Epiphany School.



Mr. Hayes has dedicated himself to our school for over 38 years. We are so pleased that he will continue to be a presence in maintaining our school as a thriving institution of Catholic

Congratulations to Mr. Hayes as President of The **Epiphany School!**

Our long-time parishioner, Mrs. Kate McHugh, will step into the position of Principal, continuing to foster academic excellence and Catholic identity at the Epiphany School.

Congratulations to our new Principal!

We are blessed to have both Mr. Hayes and Mrs. McHugh with us in their new and well-deserved leadership roles.

Couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriages

St. Gianna Mass on Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 PM St. Catherine of Siena Church (411 East 68 St) Couples, family and friends are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family/Respect Life office 212-371-1011x3195 or sr.shirleyann@archny.org

It is with great sadness that we inform our parishioners of the passing of

Jan Archackí



Jan was a long-time member of Epiphany parish, an usher, and a man devoted to his Catholic faith. Jan has been laid to rest at Our Lady of Czestochowa cemetery in Doylestown, PA

The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

Good News! We've pledged our goal!

We have pledged our goal as set for Epiphany by the Archdiocese.

Our generous parishioners have enabled us to go a bit over our goal and 60% of any amount paid over the goal of \$131,000 will be rebated to our parish.

> **GOAL PLEDGED** \$131,000 \$144,015 \$88.349

We are immeasurably grateful to all our families who made their pledges. If anyone is still considering making a pledge, your contribution will be most welcome.

<u>Irish Music in Concert</u> Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 PM



The Glee Club of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will perform their annual concert at Epiphany Church.

Admission is Free

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"Do you want to go to heaven?"



Father Murphy walked into a pub and asked one man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man replied, "I do Father."
The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked a second man,

"Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then Father Murphy ask O'Toole,

"Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest was shocked. "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Like much of the book of Acts, today's reading tells the story of the ministry of Paul after the resurrection of Christ, when he and Barnabas embarked on their first missionary journey into the world outside of Jerusalem.

Their initial message was well received by the new Christians who came from both Jewish and Gentile populations; so well received, in fact, that the entrenched leaders of both groups incited the prominent people of the towns to persecute Paul and Barnabas and expel them from the territory.

People and their ways are eternal. Whether in the year 33 or 1999, new ways frighten us when we are settled comfortably in our beliefs and positions. The disciples were preaching about a new way to live. The message of salvation and love was a threat to the old ways.

In the face of rejection, Paul and Barnabas turned to the new Christians, some of them converted Jews and others Gentiles. These new Christians were delighted to be the focus of the prophecy that the apostles would "be a light to the Gentiles...an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The word of the Lord spread through all the regions with the disciples and apostles traveling on their missionary journey, "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17



"For the Lamb will shepherd them...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

In John's reading, he tells of the end times when the faithful will gather in the royal throne room of heaven, praising God and the Lamb. At one time, these faithful were expected to come only from God's chosen, the people of Israel. But in John's vision, the faithful come from every land, every people, every race, speaking every tongue. All will gather at the end for one purpose: to give praise to the Lord.

The faithful have survived the "time of great distress" and have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Now they have come before the throne, praising God and the Lamb day and night.

Because they have survived and are counted among the faithful, God will shelter and comfort them. They will never hunger or thirst. The Lamb will shepherd them and God will protect his faithful ones for all eternity.

Today's Psalm: 100

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice...I give them eternal life and they shall never perish...The Father and I are one."

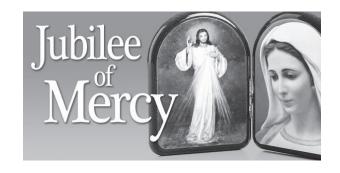


In today's Gospel, John continues the Good Shepherd discourse. As his sheep, we follow the call of Jesus, our shepherd – not because we must, but because we know his voice. He is our shepherd. He knows us and we know him. He loves us and we love him. And so, we respond to his call to follow him.

Sheep are not the slow animals some claim; they often can identify the particular call of their own shepherd. In competitions, shepherds will mix their herds in holding pens; when a shepherd calls, only his or her sheep will respond.

The Father gave Jesus his followers as a gift; Jesus gives us, his followers, the gift of eternal life. The Spirit of the Father flows though the Son to us; this outpouring unites us to Christ and to the Father.

When we follow our shepherd's call of our own free will, he promises that no one can take us out of his hand. We will remain with him and never perish. We will be in the Father's hand because Jesus and the Father are one.



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