

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)

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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Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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May 1, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 30, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Daniel Malewich

Sunday, May 1, 2016

8:00 am Guidance & Wisdom

10:00 am Marian Manfredi

12:00 pm Jesus Lee Llacer, Jr.

7:30 pm Easter Novena

Monday, May 2, 2016**St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

12:10 pm Albert J. Ackel

Tuesday, May 3, 2016**St. Philip & James, Apostles**

8:00 am Louise DesMarais

12:10 pm Daniel Malewich

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

8:00 am Herminia Guillermo

12:10 pm Lillian Page

Thursday, May 5, 2016**The Ascension of the Lord****Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00 am Our Parishioners

12:10 pm Frank J. Callahan

7:30 pm Joseph Pappalardo

Friday, May 6, 2016

8:00 am Brown family, living & deceased

12:10 pm Br. George Berrian, F.S.C.

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:00 am William Smart

*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.



**Mother's Day
Novena Envelopes**

Mother's Day Novena envelopes are
available at the back of the church.

Please return them before Mother's Day, May 8.
They will remain on the altar during all novena Masses.

MASS ATTENDANCE**April 23 - 24**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
180	127	380	224	163

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 (\$15)**Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)****Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)**

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 May 1 - 7

will burn in remembrance
of members ofthe Wycoco & Stamatelaky families,
living & deceased.**Thursday, May 5****Eucharistic Ministers**

New schedules for Eucharistic Ministers
are available in the usher's room.

Epiphany Ladies of Charity

Join the Ladies of Charity of our parish
to pray the Rosary on the

First Saturday of every month at 3:00 PM.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
during the praying of the Rosary.

We pray the Rosary as Mary asked
as we adore her beloved Son.

**On the Money**

Total Revenue
Fiscal Year To Date

April 15, 2016	April 15, 2015
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\$ 697,335	\$ 651,959
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Thanks to all of you for giving your best!
We could not survive without you!

*"Give something, however small, to the one in
need. For it is not small to one who has nothing.
Neither is it small to God, if we have given what
we could."*

St. Gregory Nazianzen



Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

Spring is here!
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!

OLIVER!

Congratulations to our school children
for their outstanding production of *Oliver!*
We are blessed with very exceptional talent.

Hats off to Sister Rebecca and to everyone
who helped to make the show a success!



First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children
who will receive
this most important sacrament
on May 14th and May 21st.

May the Eucharist become the center of their lives!

THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS!

Our Altar Servers have done a wonderful job this year
assisting at Masses and at special Sacramental events.

We are so proud of them and
we thank them for their dedication and service.

May God bless them and be with them always.



Save the Date!

Summer Wine Tasting Event

Saturday, June 25 at 5:30-7:00 PM
Epiphany Parish Hall

From an interview with Cardinal Dolan "It's About Marriage, Not Divorce"

"My major concern is that we can't allow this one issue, as important as it is, to eclipse the fact that the major and most urgent mandate for the Church is to reclaim the beauty and nobility of the sacrament of marriage and family life."

"When you have a Church that says that family is actually the reflection of the life of the Holy Trinity, when you have a Church that says that the love expressed between a man and a woman in marriage is a reflection of God's passion and eternal life, that's magic, but most people don't hear that, most people don't believe that."

"From a pastoral point of view, too much attention has been devoted to the Communion debate, since those Catholics who are divorced and remarried, who are still coming to Mass, and who faithfully observe the Church's rules, represent a 'distinct minority.'"

"Believe me, I wish I got thousands of people at the door of the Church shouting, 'We want Holy Communion! We want back into the Church!'" I wish they were doing that, but they're not." "I don't hear this as an urgent pastoral problem."

The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

Good News! We've pledged our goal!

Our generous parishioners have enabled us to exceed the goal set for Epiphany by the Archdiocese.

Epiphany parish will receive a rebate of 60% of any monies **COLLECTED** over our goal of \$131,000.

GOAL	PLEDGED	PAID
\$131,000	\$146,590	\$95,299

We are immeasurably grateful to all the 299 families who have made their pledges. If you are still considering making a pledge, your contribution will be most welcome.

The Sisters of Life Celebrate Mother's Day "MetroCards for Moms"



At their annual Mother's Day gathering, the Sisters of Life will celebrate all the mothers they have been privileged to serve. The Epiphany Respect Life Committee will provide the mothers with gift bags containing make up and **MetroCards**.

We ask our wonderful Epiphany community to purchase & donate **\$10 MetroCards** for the Mother's Day event at the Sisters of Life retreat houses. Please place the cards in the collection basket today or bring them to the rectory during the week.

Please help us reach this year's goal of at least **60 MetroCards** from the Epiphany Parish community. As always, we are so very grateful to all our friends & families for your generous participation.

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 (1:30 PM) **OR** Sun, June 26 (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.

Quotes from Pope Francis in his encyclical Amoris Laetitia ("The Joy of Love")

"I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in its mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the 'property' of another human being."

"Divorce is an evil and the increasing number of divorces is very troubling. Hence our most important pastoral task with regard to families is to strengthen their love, helping to heal wounds, and working to prevent the spread of this drama of our times."

"There is a need for continued open discussion of a number of doctrinal, moral, spiritual, and pastoral questions."

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

"If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

Paul's missionary journey continues – as do the growing pains of the new Church.

Communication problems today sometimes arise from information being passed too quickly without allowing time for thoughtful understanding. Paul's problem was the opposite. There was sometimes too *much* time between his messages to the new Christians. During those gaps in time, other disciples brought their own messages and upset the new converts, both Jews and Gentiles.

There was great resistance among Jewish converts who wanted to preserve some of their own laws and customs, like circumcision and the many Judaic dietary laws. They wanted the Gentiles to become Jews first, and then to convert to Christianity. The Gentiles did not find it necessary to follow a path through Judaism in order to become followers of Christ.

The missionary message from the appointed disciples, Paul and Barnabas, Judas and Silas, was simple. They reassured the converts by telling them that the Holy Spirit would not place burdens on them. They explained that the new Christians were to abstain from certain dietary practices and from unlawful marriage. "If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

Revelation 21:1-5a

"The glory of God gave it light and its lamp was the Lamb."

The Old Testament foretold the future, and when Christ came into the world, he fulfilled the scripture and gave insight and understanding to the prophecy. Once Christ was among us, the scripture had perspective that allowed us to understand its lessons. The New Testament, then, tells the story of Christ in the world and his return to the Father. The story of Christ's time on earth is one we can understand.

Now comes Revelation, a book of visions and symbols, of significant numbers, of reminders of the prophecies from the Old Testament. John sees a vision of Jerusalem, the City of God, coming down out of heaven. This shining city of Jerusalem is a symbol of the Church, God's presence in the world.

The number twelve appears often: twelve angels, twelve city gates, the twelve tribes of Israel, twelve layers of stone in the foundation, the twelve apostles of the Lamb. This number, indicating fullness and completion, also appeared in early scripture and later in the stories of Christ in the world; now, here it is again in Revelation. The twelve apostles, as the human foundation of our church, are like twelve layers of stone. The twelve gates, inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes, symbolize a welcome to all people from all directions, just as, in our Church, we are mandated to welcome all people.

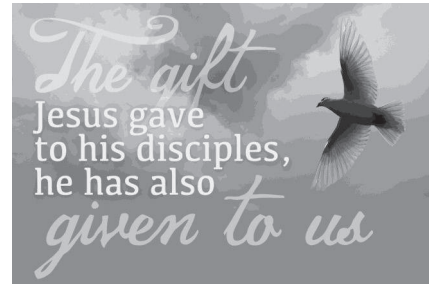
We receive the fullness and perfection of God in our Church on earth. There is no need for a temple, "for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb." There is "no need for sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb."

Today's Psalm: 67

*O God, O God,
let all the nations praise you!*

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."



In today's Gospel, Jesus has so much to tell his disciples. It seems he is repeating all his messages at once because he knows he will ascend to the Father very soon. There were so many things to tell these all-too-human disciples before he left.

The gifts of love and peace and our obligation to the Father were Christ's essential message.

Love from the Father, who sent his only Son that we might be saved.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, another gift from the Father. Peace - not simply the absence of conflict, but that inner sense that everything in the world is right with God – not the transitory peace offered by the world, but God's peace to remain with us forever.

The obligation Christ places on us is that we must keep the word of God - If we love Christ and the Father, if we call ourselves Christians, we must keep his words.

Jesus finished with a warning and a promise. Bad times and spiritual distance would occur. But his peace and love would remain. Christians should not be surprised they were not popular. Nor should they worry Jesus had abandoned them, just because he lived with the Father. The price of true peace comes from the perseverance of faith in the face of spiritual distance and persecution.



To quote a passage from Luke's gospel, "to whom much is given, much will be required." The message is much the same from John today. With gratitude and obedience, we earn and enjoy the gifts of Love, Peace, and Salvation from our Father.


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