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.

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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.

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Isabelle Lou & Peter Mugavero

Sunday, May 29, 2016 Corpus Christi

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena 10:00 am Agnes Gratil (living) 12:00 pm Vincenza Gazzettino 7:30 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr.

Monday, May 30, 2016 Memorial Day

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

No 12:10 Mass

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Barbara Devins 12:10 pm Jack Warmbrand

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 am Anne Marie McManus

12:10 pm John Flood

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh 12:10 pm Linda & Tony Luciere

Friday, June 3, 2016

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am Barbara Devins 12:10 pm Hector Luis Diaz, Jr.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Barbara Devins

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.

Epiphany Business Office will be Closed on Mon, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day Closing at 3 PM on Fri, June 3 in case of emergency please call 212-475-1966

MASS ATTENDANCE May 21 - 22

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 194 130 241 203 ?

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)

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Our Sanctuary Lamp

from May 29 - June 4
will burn for the intentions of
the newly ordained priests
of the Archdiocese of New York

Our Altar Bread & Wine

from May 29 - June 4
will be offered for the intentions of
Monsignor Thomas Modugno
as he begins the
second half-century of his priesthood





2nd Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, June 4 - 5, for the Black & Indian Home Missions.

The collection will take place after Communion.

As always, we are grateful to the generous parishioners of Epiphany.

The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

Good News! We've pledged our goal!

Thanks to our very generous parishioners.

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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!

"The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here... from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion...that this nation, under God...shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863





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"Forty summers have passed since the battle that you fought here. You were young the day you took these cliffs; some of you were hardly more than boys, with the deepest joys of life before you. Yet, you risked everything here. Why? Why did you do it? What impelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs? What inspired all the men of the armies that met here? We look at you, and somehow we know the answer. It was faith and belief; it was loyalty and love."

"You are men who in your 'lives fought for life . . . and left the vivid air signed with your honor."

Ronald Regan to the Boys of Pointe du Hoc June 6, 1984



God's Perspective

Mortal: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Mortal: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Mortal: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.

Quick Quips

Big Brother: "If you broke your arm in two places, what would you do?"

Little Brother: "I wouldn't go back to those two

places, that's for sure."

May: "What position does your brother play on the football team?

June: "I think he's one of the drawbacks!"



Congratulations to the newest members of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

who were ordained yesterday at St. Joseph's Seminary

May their vocations be blessed throughout their lives and the Holy Spirit be their companion all their days.

Gather with Your Parish Friends!



at a Wine Tasting Event Hosted by Cork Liquors In Epiphany Parish Hall Saturday, June 18 ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM

\$25 per person

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Genesis 14:18-20 "Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and...blessed Abraham"

Today's reading is a prophesy of the priesthood that would one day be instituted by Jesus Christ.

Melchizedek is the king of Salem and a high priest, as Christ is our king and high priest. In the bible, Melchizedek has no genealogy, no father or mother, neither beginning of days nor end of life. He continues as a priest forever, again foreshadowing the Son of God and his priesthood.

Melchizedek blessed Abraham from God and he blessed God from Abraham. He then fed Abraham and his followers with bread and wine. These were the actions of Christ when he blessed the bread and wine, offered it to his disciples and gave them his mandate to "do this in remembrance of me."



With Christ's blessing, his followers became the first priests and were priests forever in the "line of Melchizedek." Our priests today, some of whom were ordained just yesterday, are descendants of Melchizedek, priests forever.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

Once again, Paul is reminding the new Christians of the original mandate given to the apostles by Christ himself. Although Paul is unlikely ever to have met the person of Jesus Christ on earth, he considered himself an apostle. It was his mission, ordained by God, to keep the words and mandates of Jesus present in the minds of later generations of Christians.

Salvation and the Eucharist were two great gifts that Paul strove to keep paramount in the lives of Christians. Both were truly gifts of Christ himself to the world and Paul would not allow time and distance to dilute the Christians' understanding of these gifts.

In his letter to the Corinthians, he reminded them that the bread and wine in their communal meal were the acknowledgement that Christ gave them

his body and his blood. They were mandated by Christ to bless and share the bread and wine as a way to proclaim his death until he returns. Paul's letters are persistent reminders that, in the Eucharist, Christ is truly present among us.



Today's Psalm: 110

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Luke 9:11b-17 "Give them some food yourselves."

How happy would Fr. Austin be if we overpopulated the pews at Epiphany every Sunday?! But with all those people, would come the same worry that the apostles had. How could we care for them all?

The apostles wanted to send the people off to find their own accommodations. They could only see the human side of the problem. Jesus gave them a chance to challenge their faith. He answered their solution with a command, "You do it!" Jesus implied that what little his followers had would be sufficient.

The Twelve now became servants who organized the people so that they could be fed by what looked like meager provisions. Accepting the Master's mandate, there was no turning back. They followed Jesus, taking the little and providing an abundance.

Two loaves and five fish equaled seven pieces of food. In Jewish tradition, the number seven meant fullness, completion, perfection. Jesus would take these mere seven pieces of food and feed a multitude!

Luke's narrative has many Eucharistic overtones. Taking the food in his hands, looking up to heaven, blessing, and breaking for distribution reminds us of the Eucharist. The blessing, it must be noted, was not on the food itself. Like a pious Jew, Jesus most likely blessed God for the food as a way of thanks for what he already had. When Jesus blessed the food, he acknowledged what the Father could do with so little.

And it was enough, enough to produce more food than what was first blessed. The number of baskets, not mere pieces of food confirmed a new fullness. Twelve was a Jewish number that represented totality. From the wholeness of little came the wholeness of plenty.

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