

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

(between Second and Third Avenues)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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June 19, 2016
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 18, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Maureen Doyle

Sunday, June 19, 2016

8:00 am Our Parishioners
10:00 am Milton Herrera, Carlton Hargrove
Juan Merenguer, Wm. & Jerry Justice
12:00 pm Diane & Dominic Bianco (living)
7:30 pm Eleanor Vanderberg

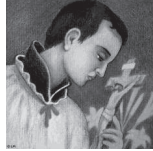
Monday, June 20, 2016

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 am Fergus Sloan
12:10 pm Mary & Edward Mallon



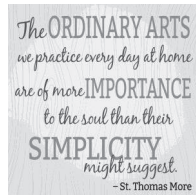
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop

Sts John Fisher, Bishop, and

Thomas More, Martyrs

8:00 am Father's Day Novena
12:10 pm Arline Brown



Thursday, June 23, 2016

8:00 am Lois & Ed Carbery
12:10 pm Juliana P. Manlapaz (living)

Friday, June 24, 2016

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Rita A. Profit
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena



Saturday, June 25, 2016

8:00 am Aguilina Diomampo

*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.



Going on Vacation?

Don't forget to pay your rent!
and please remember
to provide for Epiphany!

(Our summer attendance goes
way down and our expenses go way up.)

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 11 - 12

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
185	138	214	215	166

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.



Our Sanctuary Lamp

from June 19 - 25

will burn in remembrance of
George Conard

Our Altar Bread & Wine

from June 19 - 25

will be offered for all the fathers
in our lives & in our memories.



REASONS TO BE REGISTERED IN EPIPHANY PARISH



- ✚ It helps to support the Church
- ✚ Confirms you as a practicing Catholic
- ✚ Makes you and family members eligible to receive the sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick)
- ✚ Qualifies you for sponsor certificates, release letters, or any other documentation needed from the Church
- ✚ Qualifies your children as applicants to our parish school and our Religious Education Programs (CCD)
- ✚ Gives you a sense of community with your Parish family

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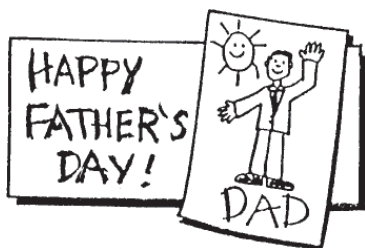
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On the Money

Donations via the Envelope System

366 envelope users have contributed
\$147,974 since January 1, 2016,
an average of \$404 each
(an average of \$18 per week).

Thanks to all who do your best
to support God's Church and Mission!



Attention Lectors!

New Lector Schedules for July thru September are available in the ushers' room. The schedules are also available on the parish website.

Eucharistic Ministers

We invite our parishioners to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you wish to join this vital ministry, please call the rectory and leave your name and contact details.

Sisters of St. John the Baptist



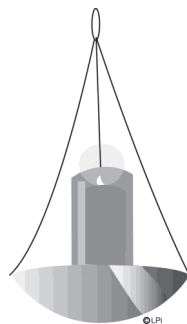
There will be a second collection next weekend on June 24 & 25 for the Philippine Mission staffed by the Sisters of St. John the Baptist.

The sisters are responsible for providing basic needs, a good education, and faith formation for over 500 children at three facilities.

The sisters are committed to bringing love and compassion, hope and joy to the lives of these children by developing their many God-given gifts and talents.

We know we can rely on the generosity of our parishioners to provide the sisters with the means to raise their children in the love and joy of Christ.

Remembering Sr. Doris Sayonne, RCD



In her ministry at Epiphany, Sister Doris Marie Sayonne was a beacon of light in our parish for several decades.

Thanks to donations from friends of Sister Doris, we are pleased to install a new sanctuary lamp in her memory.

Our new sanctuary lamp will remind us of the light of Christ in our lives and the light that Sister Doris brought to all the hearts gladdened by her ministry.

Special thanks to Dennis Hawkes for installing the Sister Doris Sanctuary lamp. We are grateful to have such talent among our parishioners.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Epiphany church offers a loop system for anyone wearing a hearing aid with a "T" (telecoil) setting.

To use this service, the hearing aid wearer must sit in the first five rows behind the Lector pew on the left side of the church, facing the pulpit.

Surrounding these pews, there is a copper band on the floor, which enables the system.



Welcome to the new addition in our plaza garden



Our thanks to José L. Ramos for the new Colorado Blue Spruce on the Epiphany plaza.

The tree is a gift to Fr. Titus in celebration of his 24th anniversary in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The tree has been dubbed "Father Austin" in his honor.

We hope our new little tree will one day be a Christmas highlight in our parish garden.



DESTINATION: HEAVEN via PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A priest and a bus driver arrive at the Pearly Gates. Immediately, St. Peter whisks them off in his Heavenly Hot Rod.

The priest is the first to be dropped off at a charming little cottage on a knoll, surrounded by acres of rolling hills.

St. Peter tells the priest, "This will be yours for eternity. A perfect little cottage, right next to a lovely pond, with a lush little garden, and a library full of books."

"Thank you so much", replies the priest. "This, I shall enjoy!"

St. Peter waves goodbye & continues on with the bus driver to a property of about 500 acres with mountains, lakes and rivers. There is a huge 200-room manor on one of the mountains and a wishing well that makes wishes come true.

St. Peter says "This will be yours for eternity. You can live in that splendid manor house with servants at your call, and you will have everything you want."

Quite surprised, the bus driver asks, "Now, don't think I'm not grateful, but why am I getting so much more than the priest?"

St. Peter laughs and says "You brought more souls to Heaven!"

When the priest preached, everyone fell asleep. When you drove your bus, people prayed!"

12TH ORDINARY SUNDAY / PRAYER IN FAITH



The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

We are immeasurably grateful to all the 331 families who have enabled us to pledge our goal.

GOAL	PLEDGED	PAID
\$131,000	\$158,925	\$124,147

If you are still considering making a pledge, your contribution will be most welcome.

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

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

"I will pour out...a spirit of grace..."

Today's reading foretells of the Lord showing favor to the House of David, the ancestors of Jesus, by pouring out a spirit of grace.

In Jerusalem, they would grieve for the "wounded one." We are never told who this wounded one is or how he came to be "pierced", only that there would be profound mourning at his loss, as for an only son, a firstborn.

After the time of tribulation, a fountain would appear for ritual baths among the House of David and Jerusalem, waters that would purify them from sin and uncleanness.

The images in these verses prophesy the Christian view of Jesus and the results of his suffering and death. Christians believe his death was the beginning of the end times. The mourning was for God's only Son. The fountain for ritual baths was a foretelling of Baptism.

From those early prophesies in Zechariah, to the words in Revelation, the message comes together. "These are the ones who have come out of great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The comfort in today's reading is that God's spirit of grace is a gift that will always be with us.

Galatians 3:26-29

"...if you belong to Christ, then you are...heirs according to the promise."

In today's reading, Paul was still working to unite the new Christians. The Jews who converted to Christianity believed anyone who accepted Christ had to become a Jew first and *then* a Christian. How could they follow Christ, who lived and died as a Jew, if they were not Jewish?

Few knew Jewish law better Paul, who traced God's salvation inherently to the promises he made to Abraham. The descendants and land God gave to Abraham were to be like God, eternal. Both Paul and his opponents agreed on this point. But, how was this to be accomplished? Most converted Jews argued for Jewish ritual and Torah obligation. Paul argued for faith.

Earlier in Galatians, Paul wrote that "Abraham placed his trust in God. This reasoned for him as righteousness." Through trust, not laws, Abraham realized his place as God's chosen. For Paul, this satisfied the argument that justification before God came through trust and faith, *not* through obedience to law.

Paul's conviction was that unity with Christ is the conduit of the promises God made to his chosen people: eternal people with an everlasting land. When someone was baptized into Christ, they died to self and rose with the sinless one into new life. Part of that new life is becoming an heir to God's promise. In Christ, both Jew and non-Jew were children of Abraham as well as children of God. As those of "Abraham's seeds," Christians were part of an eternal people who would live in an eternal place with God.

Today's Psalm: 63

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

Luke 9:18-24

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

These verses from Luke can be divided into three sections: the question about Jesus' identity, his self-definition, and his statement about the demands of discipleship.

Jesus asked the same question twice: "Who am I?" He asked about his role in the religious life of (first) the people and (second) the disciples.

Many people saw Jesus as a disciple of John, who traveled to spread the message of the executed prophet. Others, fewer in number, thought Jesus fulfilled the role of Elijah, the prophet who was swept into heaven on a fiery chariot, who would return at the end of time to announce the Messiah. Finally, a few believed Jesus had the spirit of one of the ancient prophets, traveling around Galilee, preaching repentance, and performing miracles, like Elijah and Elisha.

But who was Jesus to his closest followers? He was Christ (the Anointed One) of God. Jesus used their recognition of him to warn them of what awaited not only him, but anyone who wished to follow him.

Christ defined his role as a suffering servant. He would "suffer greatly and be rejected...and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Then Christ described the commitment his followers would be obliged to make. They were to deny themselves and take up their crosses daily and follow him. They must be willing to suffer and die for the Gospel...to die to self and become worthy to be raised up on the last day.

Some of his early followers would literally suffer and die in the name of Christ. Even today, Christians die in Christ's name for a faith that transcends their physical existence. Christians still believe Christ's promise that "whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

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