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

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June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 25, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Jan Archacki

Sunday, June 26, 2016

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory 10:00 am Louise Des Marais 12:00 pm Our Parishioners 7:30 pm Nicholas Schlafer

Monday, June 27, 2016 St. Cyril of Alexandria

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Father's Day Novena 12:10 pm Efren Martinez

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am Carole Finamore

12:10 pm George Hunter, Al Jones,

and the Gardiner Family

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 am Father's Day Novena 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Thursday, June 30, 2016

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 am Jerry & Adeline Martire 12:10 pm Stephen Loesch

Friday, July 1, 2016

Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh 12:10 pm Father's Day Novena

Saturday, July 2, 2016 8:00 am Louis R. Profit

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 18 - 19

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 200 116 174 - 128

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 26 - July 2

will burn for healing & wellness of Dr. Donald J. Mayer, M.D. the sick, dying & needy all the faithful departed

Our Altar Bread & Wine

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- ☆ 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 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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To donate online, register at www.parishpay.com

EXPENSES THIS WEEK

Sewer & Plumbing Repairs (phase 2 of 2) \$2,985.00



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.

Love & Responsibility in NYC

The Young Adult Outreach Program of the Archdiocese of New York is pleased to announce that Love & Responsibility NYC is back at the Immaculate Conception Outdoor Garden (414 E 14 St) on Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM June 21 - August 2 (excluding July 5)

Weekly Guest Speakers discuss all relationship matters

Week 1 - June 21 - "How to Save Your Marriage Before Meeting Your Spouse"

Week 2 - June 28 - "Rejecting Love's Counterfeits in a Digital Age"

Week 3 - July 12 - "The Joy to Be"
Week 4 - July 19 - "Sex, Gender, and Jesus"
Week 5 - July 26 - "Navigating Single Life"

Week 6 - August 2 - End of Summer Party Music by the band Scythian

All events are free of charge

For further information, visit: www.catholicnyc.com



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 while adoring her beloved Son.



If only there had been cookies in the Garden of Eden...

The children were lined up for lunch in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

Sister Edmund had posted a note on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

As the children moved further along, there was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies at the other end of the table.



A child had posted a note. "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Stand in Solidarity with the Church in Africa

There will be a second collection next weekend, July 2 & 3 for the Church in Africa.

With so many people on the move in Africa, providing pastoral care to meet their spiritual needs is often difficult. The Church faces the challenges of poverty, disease, famine, and migration, while striving to foster peace and reconciliation among the African people.

Please help the Church support the vibrant spirituality so characteristic in the people of

Africa. Help us to encourage fellowship among various communities, ethnicities, and tribes.

Your generosity will spread the light of Christ to his people most in need.

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 HEARIN SWITCH I the church, facing the pulpit.



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

WEEK

Making Things Grow!

Epiphany parish will join with **Stuyvesant Cove Park**

on Friday, July 8, at 1:00 PM (length of event: approximately 2 hours)

to fill our sidewalk containers with beautiful new plantings.

The gardeners have asked for young volunteers to join them in their work, as well as few parents to provide adult supervision. (10 volunteers & 2-3 parents would be ideal.)

Stuvvesant Cove Park will provide soil, plants, gloves & trowels. Future maintenance will be provided by our parish staff.

Please call the rectory to volunteer for this enjoyable and educational event.

for additional information about Stuyvesant Cove Park, visit www.solar1.org



The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

We are immeasurably grateful to all the 340 families who have enabled us to pledge our goal.

> **PLEDGED PAID GOAL** \$131,000 \$161,550 \$127,092

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)

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

"...I will follow you...Elisha...followed Elijah as his attendant."

Immediately after Elijah realized the presence of God in the faintest whisper of wind, he received a mission: anoint two kings and a prophet. The prophet would become an apprentice. But eventually, the apprentice would replace Elijah. This apprentice was

replace Elijah. This apprentice was Elisha, a farmer of some means (the number of oxen and the plow indicated Elisha had some success in his livelihood).

With the call, Elisha took his leave from his extended family and his livelihood. With the sacrifice of the oxen and the destruction of his plow, Elisha cut all ties. He was now free to follow God's call as a prophet and live as a nomadic preacher.

God calls everyone to a mission. Trust in him and his divine providence. Not all are called to become prophets on the road like Elisha. But God requires that we have faith and that we strive not to be governed by our own self-interest.

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

In today's reading, Paul tries to help us understand the freedom that salvation has purchased for us. Christ set us free. Paul warns against sacrificing our freedom by returning to the "yoke of slavery" imposed by human weakness and sin.

The new Christians remained in a tug-of-war about how to establish oneself as a follower of Christ. Many tried to follow hybrids of Christ's commandments and Moses' law, forcing everyone to become Jews first and then to convert to Christianity. Gentile converts argued against such a circuitous route to Christianity.

These were the fractious groups that Paul faced in trying to spread the word of salvation and freedom from sin.

Paul spoke out strongly. He quoted one law, the one that encompasses *all* commandments. "You shall

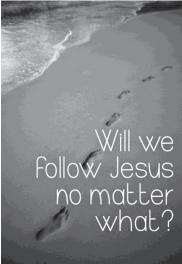
commandments. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Paul knew that

when we follow that mandate, we are unable to fight among ourselves. We will live by the spirit, God's spirit. We will see and act in ways that transcend our limited human nature. We will see and act for the good of others. We are free to be for others.

Today's Psalm: 16

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Luke 9:51-62 "I will follow you."



Luke set the scene with a decision of Jesus. His ministry in Galilee was finished and he was resolute in his decision to go to Jerusalem so he could fulfill his destiny.

In order to prepare his way, Jesus sent envoys, but they were rebuffed in a Samaritan village. James and John wanted to call divine wrath on the village.

James and John were still confused about Jesus as the Messiah. They thought he would enter Jerusalem to earthly glory, that he would rule the world. And, almost as important, they would be in the position to "call down fire from heaven" against anyone in

opposition. They had misunderstood the true meaning of discipleship. No wonder Jesus turned on them and put them in their place.

Through Luke, Jesus emphasized the priority and the resolute nature of Christian discipleship. The ministry of Jesus and his early followers was a mobile one. They trusted God to provide. Someone who worried too much about their own needs could not focus upon the changing nature of ministry on the road.

Not only was the Christian life uncertain. It required a commitment higher than that of family. In the time of Christ, loyalty to extended family (one of the highest social values in the ancient world) could interfere with a commitment to Christ. One might need to reject family in order to accept the Savior.

Finally, the Christian discipleship was to be unflinching. Those who were not single-hearted need not apply. A disciple who intended to sow the seeds of Christ's teachings would be a poor farmer indeed if he continued to look behind to his former life.

Discipleship, then, required a clear understanding of duties and commitment. The disciples served. And the disciple made his or her trust in the Lord the highest priority. Focus and service must be devoted to Christ and to Christ alone.

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