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:

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

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Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Thelma Tonogbanua (living)

Sunday, July 3, 2016

8:00 am
Our Parishioners
10:00 am
12:00 pm
7:30 pm
Our Parishioners
Anne & Charles Heim
Our Parishioners

Monday, July 4, 2016

8:00 am Hector Luis Diaz, Jr. No 12:10 Mass today

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 am Bessie Änderson 12:10 pm Gertrude M.S. Walsh

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 am Pamela A. Profit 12:10 pm Rita Anne Browne

Thursday, July 7, 2016

8:00 am Roseller Felio Lerias 12:10 pm Jennifer Grijalva (living)

Friday, July 8, 2016

8:00 am Patrick Brody 12:10 pm Alex Bhak

Saturday, July 9, 2016 St. Augustine Zhao Rong Priest, Companions and Martyrs

8:00 am Ramon Saldajeno

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







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 25 - 26

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 210 151 191 152 121

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A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray for special intentions, while giving back to God

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Please make these arrangements at the rectory.



Our Sanctuary Lamp

from July 3 - July 9
will burn for in memory of
Bessie Anderson

Our Altar Bread & Wine

from July 3 - July 9 will be offered in memory of Bessie Anderson



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The stand for our Paschal candle has been repaired and refurbished in honor of Sr. Doris Sayonne.

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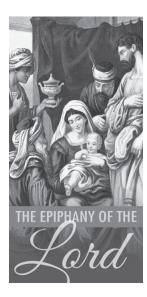
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by Antoinette and Nicolina Astorina



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by

Ann Guglielmo

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Special thanks to Dennis Hawkes for designing and installing the Shrine. We are enormously grateful for parishioners like Dennis who shares his time and talent with us so generously!

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

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Week 6 - August 2 - Summer's End Party (Music by Scythian)

All events are free of charge

For further information, visit: www.catholicnyc.com

Quick Quips

Q: Why are there no knock-knock jokes about Independence Day?

A: Because Freedom Rings



Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Did you hear about the dyslexic agnostic with insomnia who stayed up all night wondering if there really is a dog?

On July 4, 1776 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

One of the most widely held misconceptions about the Declaration of Independence is that it was signed on July 4, 1776

In fact, independence was formally declared on July 2, 1776, a date that John Adams believed would be "the most memorable epoch in the history of America."

On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration. It wasn't signed until August 2, 1776.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the vote to approve the Declaration of Independence.

In the summer of 1776, when the Declaration was signed, the population of the nation is estimated to have been about 2.5 million. (Today the population of the U.S. is more than 300 million.)

On Freedom

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

~ Abraham Lincoln

Special Thanks to Cork Wines & Spirits

for their indispensable contribution to the Epiphany Wine Tasting event.

All who attended received an education in appreciating wine while enjoying a wonderful evening with friends, meeting new people and

making new friends.



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.)

Stuyvesant 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







UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Isaiah 66:10-14c "For thus says the Lord: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem..."

Earlier in Isaiah the author criticized his people for trying to manipulate God by worshipping "just so" or sacrificing in the perfect way. The people hoped to secure a happy future for Jerusalem by actions that they could control. If they could find just the right formula, the glory of Jerusalem would be restored. But the author told the people that God alone would speak for the future of the city.

In this final chapter of Isaiah a wonderful future for Jerusalem is foretold, one that embodies all the hopes and dreams of her people. How did this future come about? Not by the deeds of man, but by "the Lord's power."

God has endowed us with talents and abilities. He enabled us to do our part using our free will, but only God can ensure our destiny. We must trust in God and acquiesce to *his* will.

"Who's in charge here?" is question we hear and ask rather often in life. Today's reading has the ultimate answer. *God* is in charge. *God* will ensure our glory.

Galatians 6:14-18
"The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with your
spirit, brothers and sisters.
Amen."

This is Paul's farewell to the Galatians. He had spent much time convincing them to abandon unimportant differences like circumcision and adherence to rituals and diets. Paul opposed boasting among the new Christians, admonishing them that the only accomplishment worthy of pride was their salvation by Christ on the cross. Under the cross, the divisions between the Jews and non-Jews were secondary in nature. In the resurrection, God made his children a "new creation."

In this final letter, Paul takes one parting shot at those who were still clinging to the old religion. He reminds them that he had suffered persecution, beatings and whippings, even imprisonment for the faith, implicitly asking if they could say the same, which, of course, they could not. So they had no right to criticize him.

With this farewell, Paul issued a final challenge to the Galatians – to show the scars they earned from a life as authentic Christians, a life lived in love, commitment and sacrifice.

Today's Psalm: 66

Let all the earth cry out to God with Joy.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 "The kingdom of God is at hand for you."

The Messianic harvest had begun! But how would the small number of missionaries share the gospel with so many hungry to hear the Good News? "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." Jesus encouraged the missionaries themselves to pray for companions. The work of the Lord needed as many hands as they could muster.

Jesus appointed advance teams to go before him and prepare the people to receive him. "Like lambs among wolves", the missionaries were sent forth with instructions from Jesus to take their mission seriously. They had to get down to business, keep social interactions to a minimum, be polite, convey a message of peace to those open to such a greeting, cure the sick, and move efficiently from town to town delivering the word that "the kingdom of God is at hand."

The seventy-two were not traveling for pleasure. They were to be focused always on the

message that they were commissioned to deliver. They were not to distract from their task by moving from family to family, causing competition among inhabitants, and taking the focus off the message.

In the time of Christ, there was always a "quid pro quo" for any traveler who was welcomed into a home. Many travelers would enthrall their hosts with stories of their travels. A night's entertainment was worth the meal and bed provided by the hosts.

The "quid pro quo" Christ's missionaries provided was obviously more important than the usual travel narratives. They proclaimed the Kingdom in word and power. The hosts received a message that far outweighed the courtesy they extended.

Our travels in the world today are far more comfortable. Yet, living an authentic Christian life in modern times can still make us feel a little like "lambs among wolves." We must still rise to the challenge of Christ - to deliver the message that kingdom of God is at hand - not always in words, but by the example we set in our daily lives.



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