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. Baptism class is *required* for all new parents. We ask parents 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:

We ask couples planning to get married 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:

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September 25, 2016 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24, 2016 4:00 pm (vigil) Sharon Sylvester

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00 am Our Parishioners 10:00 am Charles Riley 12:00 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr 7:30 pm Sandra H. Acerno

Monday, September 26, 2016 Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:00 am William J. Connell 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 am Barbara Desapio 12:10 pm Marie Mara

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

8:00 am Elizabeth Schulz 12:10 pm Paul Patanè

Thursday, September 29, 2016 Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, the Archangels

8:00 am Barbara Desapio 12:10 pm in Thanksgiving

Friday, September 30, 2016 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Adele Ivers 12:10 pm Elizabeth McColgan

Saturday, October 1, 2016 St. Thérèse of the Infant Jesus Virgin & Doctor of the Church 8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

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



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by Fr. Austin Titus

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The new lector schedules are available in the usher's room. Schedules are also available under the "Ministry" tab on our parish website.

Prayer Chain on Respect Life Sunday Sunday, October 2 - 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Epiphany Parish will host a Prayer Chain for Life Please join the Sisters of Life, Epiphany parishioners, friends & family to offer prayers for the lives of the unborn.



Sunday Scripture Program



Our Sunday Scripture Program resumes TODAY! Sunday, September 25 at the 10:00 Family Mass

We invite children in Nursery through Second Grade to attend.

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY COLLECTION

The Archdiocese has moved the collection in support of St. Joseph Seminary to the weekend of Oct 1 - 2.

If you have already used your envelope to make your contribution, please be assured that it will be credited toward our support of the Seminary.



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.

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 "Woe to the complacent of Zion!"

In these verses, Amos condemned the complacency of his people. He admonished the rich for lavish living and for improvising their own rules, rather than following the faith set down in scripture.

Amos scolded the wealthy for turning a blind eye to the poverty around them. Their own comfort was paramount in their lives. They ignored the story of their patriarch, Joseph. They took no lesson from the scripture describing Joseph's enslavement at the hands of his jealous brothers. Nor did they care about the poor in their own time who were often so desperate that they sold themselves into slavery in exchange for feeding their families.

The message of Amos applies to all ages: We disregard God's commands at our peril. In the stories of the ancient patriarchs, in the descendants of Abraham centuries later, and today in our own lives, our obligation to God is to serve one another by sharing our wealth, both material and spiritual.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 "Compete well for the faith."

Today's letter to Timothy outlines both the social and the spiritual components of Christian life. Living in society, the signs of our faith are the outward behaviors we choose as followers of Christ. The spiritual side of our Christian life turns us inward in our relationship with God.

The author tells Timothy how to be the best Christian in service to Jesus Christ, who lived among men, and to God, his Father, whom no human being has seen. He charges Timothy to combine the social and spiritual life of a Christian by living the virtues of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness, keeping the commandment without reproach. The author's



command to
"compete well for
the faith" will be
fulfilled when
others witness
Timothy living a
true Christian life
and are inspired
to follow Christ.

At the proper time, God will again send Jesus Christ into the world. Until then, we are called to evangelize by living our lives as Christ taught us, leading others to follow the same path and compete for the faith with us.

Our duty as Christians is to live our faith without reproach; love others as a way to evangelize. Become signposts to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Psalm: 146

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Luke 16:19-31

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Jesus related the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in stark contrast. The rich man lived a lavish lifestyle, dressed in the royal color purple, dining



well, thinking little of the people near him who were living very different, often desperate, lives.

Lazarus begged outside the rich man's house, starving, sick and full of sores. Dogs, in licking his wounds, were better friends to Lazarus than the rich man was.

When death, which visits both rich and poor without preference, took both men, the façades of life were stripped away. In death, they had only their conduct in life to recommend them to God. His life of suffering placed Lazarus in the "bosom of Abraham", while the rich man's life condemned him to dwell in torment, witnessing heaven from afar. On earth, his wealth provided a cushion so that he was not aware of his separation from God. Now that he had no access to physical comfort, he felt the separation acutely and understood he would be eternally denied the presence of God.

Even in his suffering, the rich man would have used Lazarus for his own comfort, asking Abraham to send him with water to cool the rich man's tongue. Failing that, again Lazarus would have been put to work if the rich man could have had his wish that Lazarus visit his wealthy brothers and save them from condemnation.

But the lesson of the parable is that each of us is responsible for his own soul. The life we choose to live will secure the rewards and punishments that God will bestow. He gave us a guidebook in scripture. He sent Christ to show us the way. He gave us free will to choose the path.



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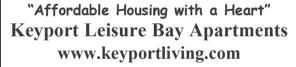
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