

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:

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

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and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Helen Verlin

Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Deceased members of
the Dooley family

10:00 am Louise & Philip DesMarais

12:00 pm Jackie Maddock

7:30 pm Our Parishioners

Monday, November 28, 2016

8:00 am Annie, Frank & Michael Grealis

12:10 pm Antonia Astorina

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

8:00 am Ann Elder

12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00 am Virginia Simpao

12:10 pm James F. Dietz &

Gary A. Dietz

Thursday, December 1, 2016

8:00 am Safety in Travel

12:10 pm Helen Daiuta

Friday, December 2, 2016

8:00 am Ann Elder

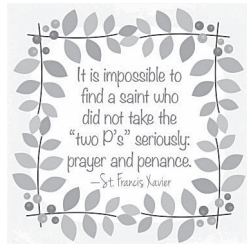
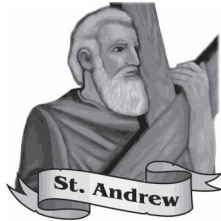
12:10 pm Francesca Arancio

Saturday, December 3, 2016

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

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



**Assistance for parishioners
who suffer from Celiac Disease**

For any parishioner whose gluten allergy is so severe that cross-contamination is a problem, we recommend purchasing your own supply of **gluten-free hosts** and a **pyx** in which to place the host during the consecration of the Eucharist on the altar.

(Search Google under "gluten free hosts". Most suppliers of hosts will also carry an assortment of pyxides.)

To arrange for the consecration of your host, please speak with the celebrant in the sacristy before Mass.

We also invite parishioners who are unable to tolerate wheat products to receive the Blood of Christ during the distribution of the Eucharist.

Please arrange this with the priest in the sacristy before Mass.



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 Nov 27 - Dec 3

will burn in memory of
Erica Escueta



The Bread and Wine

from Nov 27 - Dec 3

will be offered for the healing of
Msgr Thomas Modugno



Mass
Intentions

2017 Mass Book

Reservations for 2017 announced Masses may be arranged at the rectory office.



*Advent Candle
Dedication*

First Sunday

Lillian & George Conard,
Jack Warmbrand & James Lee



Pray for an End to Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know nothing ends more lives than abortion.
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.



Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn,
And never to stop defending life

Until all your children are protected
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

*Any parishioner seeking anointing
is invited to call the rectory to make arrangements.*

Business Office - Early Closing

Tuesday, November 29,
the business office will close at 12:30 PM.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM

Epiphany's Annual
Festival of Lessons & Carols



A Gift of Beauty & Honor

Epiphany School's graduating class is raising funds for their graduation trip in May 2017.

Honor your loved one by purchasing decorations to be enjoyed by our parishioners throughout the Christmas season.

The name of your loved one will be handwritten on a specially designed honor tag which will be placed on the altar.

You will receive a matching card as a Christmas keepsake.

Suggested donations of \$25 to \$200 will contribute to the purchase of poinsettias, centerpieces, wreaths & boxwood trees.

Join the Class of 2017 in the narthex of the church on

November 26-27 & December 3-4

before and after all Masses (except 7:30 PM).

We welcome donations of any amount to decorate our church, to honor your loved ones, and to support our graduating class.

We wish you a Merry & Blessed Christmas!



Adopt a Family for Christmas

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Help Santa bring Christmas to everyone!

For more information: contact Virginia Urban
virginiaurban@yahoo.com or 212-217-3044

Drop-off is Wed, December 14 @ 3:00 - 7:00 PM
at the Epiphany School - 234 E 22 St

Sharing Our Gifts Parish Campaign

The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to participate in a **Sharing Our Gifts** campaign to help our parish continue the services and ministries that make us a vibrant parish.

We encourage everyone to consider prayerfully an increase in your weekly offertory.

A small sacrifice can make a great difference.



The Christmas Giving Tree

is once again presented
by the Sisters of Life

to serve pregnant women and their families.

Celebrate the birth of every child
as a renewal of the gift of the Christ Child.

Please take one of the gift tags and return the requested item (unwrapped, please!) to the narthex.

Collection weekend is December 10-11
in the narthex of the church.

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Today's Psalm: 122

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Isaiah 2:1-5

"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain..."

Isaiah wrote words of encouragement for a king and a people in a spiritual funk, telling them to "climb the Lord's mountain."

During Advent, Isaiah's words fuel our spirits as we await Christ's birth. God's bright future awaits us, if we look up and walk in faith. Beyond the Christmas lights and festivities, God reveals a deeper truth.

See what the Lord will do!

Romans 13:11-14

"You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep."

Paul encourages us today to leave the darkness where we sometimes choose to live and choose instead the path of light that will lead us to the Lord.

Paul always insisted that salvation was realized in faith and that Christian love was the glue of the community. In these verses, he extended his view of love as the basis to realizing faith in life. As Christians loved one another, so they would show their yearning for the return of the Savior, the center of Christian love.

We are not anticipating the coming of the Lord only at Christmas, but his coming at the end of time to bring us to salvation provided by his sacrifice on the cross.

Matthew 24:37-44

"Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

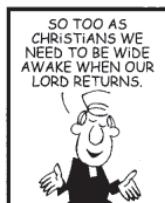
When he spoke about the coming of the Lord, Jesus focused upon the element of surprise.

No one prepared for the Great Flood except Noah. He was the only one who listened to the Lord and prepared as he was told to do. He was rewarded with deliverance to a new land when the waters subsided.

The workers who toiled side by side were taken by surprise. On a day like any other, one would survive and the other would be taken. Had either prepared for such a day?

Therefore, pay attention as Noah did and prepare for the Lord to come any day, any hour. Christ cautioned that we will not receive warning. We must prepare ourselves each day, anticipating both the bad – a thief in the night – and the good – our deliverance into the Kingdom of God.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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Spirituality Committee

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EVENINGS WITH MARY

Monday, December 5

An Advent Prayer Service

7:00 pm - Church

Come join us for a night of prayer, music, reflection & fellowship

Monday, December 12

Mary of Nazareth

7:00 PM – Msgr. Farricker Hall

The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

Monday, December 19

Reconciliation Monday

7:00 PM – Church

Prayer service / Sacrament of Reconciliation

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