

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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The Parish Office is closed on
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December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Erica Escueta

Sunday, December 4, 2016**Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Elaine Pravato
 10:00 am Sarah Jane & James Vallely
 12:00 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr
 7:30 pm Our Parishioners

Monday, December 5, 2016

8:00 am Thanksgiving - Wedding Anniversary
 12:10 pm Jerry Dwyer

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:00 am the Brown family
 12:10 pm Rosemary Lucarelli

Wednesday, December 7, 2016**St. Ambrose, Bishop
& Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh
 12:10 pm Charles Reuther

Thursday, December 8, 2016**Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Yolanda Sipin
 9:00 am School Mass
 12:10 pm Leonard Hunt
 5:30 pm Our Parishioners

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

8:00 am Barney Daly
 12:10 pm Alice McCarney

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 am Jimmy Lenihan

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

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 Dec 4 - Dec 10

will burn for the intentions of
 Dr. Donald Mayer & Victor Tabije

**The Bread and Wine**

from Dec 4 - Dec 10

will be offered in
 Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Mass
Intentions**2017 Mass Book**

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

**Advent Candle
Dedication**

Second Sunday

Deceased Members of
 the McElroy Family

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Christmas Novena Mass envelopes
 are available at the back of the church.

Please return the envelopes
 before Christmas Eve.

They will remain on the altar
 during Christmas novena Masses.

Octave of Christmas



December 10 - 11
Collection for Retired Religious

Our dedicated sisters and brothers have
 devoted their lives to hard work, prayers and
 sacrifice, providing for the needs of others.
 As the Christmas season of charity
 approaches, Cardinal Dolan asks that we be
 as generous as our means allow.

Our retired religious will remember us in their prayers.

MASS ATTENDANCE**November 19 - 20**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
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November 26 - 27

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
162	133	255	240	169

A Prayer for our Troops

Almighty God,
 we ask your divine mercy and protection
 for our loved ones
 in all branches of the service.
 Give them courage and strength,
 both spiritual and physical,
 and bring them home safely.



If it be your holy will
 to gather any of them to your bosom,
 let their journey to your everlasting arms be swift.
 and grant that they may live forever in your glory. Amen.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM
Come and enjoy Epiphany's Annual
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School
News

Christmas Eve Pageant

Our Children's Christmas Pageant
will be presented during the
4:00 family Mass on Christmas Eve.

We invite children in grades 1 - 8 to participate.
as Jesus, Mary & Joseph, angels, and shepherds.
The parish will provide most of the costumes.

Rehearsals will be held in the church on
Wed, Dec 21 & Fri, Dec 23 from 4:00 - 5:30.

To participate, please get in touch with Megan Grant
at mgrant@theepiphanyschool.org
before the first rehearsal.



Adopt a Family for Christmas

(or just one or two one or two people)

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 - 237 E 22 St

Sharing Our Gifts Parish Campaign

We are blessed to have a faithful parish
community where we are able to
witness the Word of the Lord.



Part of the *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign
is to encourage stewardship.

Let us share the gifts with which we are blessed.
Please consider the sacrifice
of increasing your weekly offertory.

ON THE MONEY

**NUMBER OF SINGLES IN THE
NOVEMBER 20 COLLECTION
500**



MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER!

Sunday, December 11

Help Cub Scout Pack 422 perform a good deed
as they sponsor a **Christmas Toy Drive**.



Bring unwrapped toys and gift cards
to Epiphany church after
the 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses.
(If you can't come on Sunday,
please drop off your gifts
at the rectory by Tues, Dec 13)

Help us "wrap up" some smiles this Christmas!

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.



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!

Women's Sixth Annual Advent Day of Reflection

Saturday, December 17 - 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Catholic women are invited to participate in
Mass, Reconciliation, Divine Mercy chaplet & the Rosary.
Speakers: Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J.
The Sisters of Life

St. Vincent Ferrer Church - 869 Lexington Av (@ 66th St)

For information:

nolan.jacqueline29@gmail.com
or 212-721-4507

\$25 registration fee
(includes lunch)

Mass in Honor of St. Lucy

Tuesday, December 13 - 6:30 PM

The Xavier Society for the Blind
will celebrate Mass on the Feast of St. Lucy
in the Lady Chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral

All are Welcome!

Readings for the Mass will be available
in both large print and braille.

For information, please get in touch with Christine Moore
at christine@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org / 800-637-9193

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Today's Psalm: 72

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

Isaiah 11:1-10

"There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain..."

When Isaiah wrote today's reading, Judea lived in fear of their Assyrian conquerors. His people needed a message of hope. Isaiah encouraged them with a promise of better times under the rule of a great king...a Messiah!



The great king would be of the house David. He would be faithful to the Law and judge fairly. Under him, God, humanity and nature would live in a time of peace.

Isaiah prophesied the ideal Jewish king, the righteous ruler who possessed the wisdom and power of God's Spirit.

Romans 15:4-9

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you..."

As we await the birth of Jesus during Advent, Paul reminds us of the gift of hope given to us in Scripture...that through the words of Scripture, God instructs us to endure. Paul encourages us to think in harmony with one another, as Jesus Christ taught his followers, so that we may glorify God with one voice.

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you." In Christ, the promises of Scripture were confirmed, not just for his own people, but for the Gentiles as well.

Very soon, we will celebrate the birth of Christ, welcoming him once again into our lives, together with all his followers across the world.

Matthew 3:1-12

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Centuries of Scripture foretold a Messiah. Today's Gospel introduces a contemporary of Christ, his cousin, in fact, who readied the people for the Messiah who was already in the world. There was no more time to anticipate his arrival. The Messiah was among them.

John's message was a shocking wake-up call to a conservative culture. It was one thing to know the Messiah was coming "someday." It was another to be told that there was no more time to waste...to demand a personal moral change for an imminent event. John preached an immediate spiritual return to God.

The leaders of the Jews bristled under this message of urgency. John was challenging their ways of 'waiting' by insisting upon true moral change and demanding proof of it. He dipped people in water, symbolically separating them from their old lives and baptizing them into a new life.

John saw his role as minor, for One greater would come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, who would be God's instrument of judgement.

The Season of Advent is our time to prepare once again for the Messiah. Even though we celebrate every year, we are always a little unprepared for the day. John alerted the people centuries ago and his words alert us today.



The Church of the Epiphany

Spirituality Committee

Presents

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

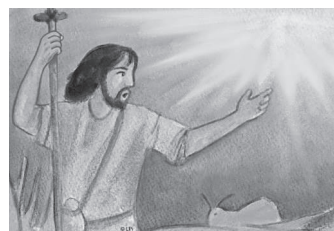
The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

Monday, December 19

Reconciliation Monday

7:00 PM - Church

Prayer service / Sacrament of Reconciliation



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