

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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00 pm (vigil) Intentions of
Evelyn & Hugh Lynch & families

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Percy B. Green
10:00 am Margaret R. Sullivan
12:00 pm Bobby Duffy
7:30 pm Our Parishioners



Monday, December 12, 2016

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am Timothy J. McGinn
12:10 pm Clara Buonomo

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

St. Lucy

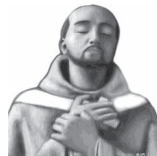
8:00 am Barbara E. Arcilla
12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh



Wednesday, December 14, 2016

St. John of the Cross

8:00 am Intentions of
Agnes & Hugh Dynes
12:10 pm Joseph Friscia



Thursday, December 15, 2016

8:00 am Howard Wallace
& the intentions of his family
12:10 pm Intentions of Mariashella Bang Sabino

Friday, December 16, 2016

8:00 am Edward Fox
12:10 pm Health

Saturday, December 17, 2016

8:00 am Paul J. Budniak

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

Octave of Christmas



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.

BUSINESS OFFICE LATE OPENING

On Thursday, December 15,
the rectory Business Office will open
at 1:00 PM

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 3 - 4

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
198	137	386	264	174

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 11 - Dec 17
will burn in memory of
Edita Dimafelix



The Bread and Wine

from Dec 11 - Dec 17
will be offered in memory of
Raymond & Margaret Scardapane



2017 Mass Book

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



***Advent Candle
Dedication***

Gaudete Sunday

Luella Ramos
for her good health

Advent Reconciliation Monday

December 19 - 4:00 - 8:00 PM

The new life in Christ that begins in Baptism is
weakened or lost through sin, which ruptures our
relationship not only with God, but also with our
brothers and sisters.

By the nourishing light of the Holy Spirit, we prepare for
the Sacrament of Penance. We scrutinize the ways in
which we are not in our best relationship with God and with
others. As we examine our consciences, we challenge ourselves
to recognize our own participation in our shortcomings.

Through the Sacrament of Penance, God offers mercy and
forgiveness and restores our intimate relationship with him. In
response to this gift, we become vessels of Christ's love, making
amends and restoring bonds that have been broken. Healed and
forgiven, we approach the world as we did at Baptism, as God's
children following the ways of his Son.

LAST RECONCILIATION HOURS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



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
Festival of Lessons & Carols



Sacred Hymns and Holy Scripture
bring us together to celebrate the Christmas season
in a beautiful evening of music and spirituality.

Admission is free



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.

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!

ON THE MONEY

IT'S COMING!
IN JANUARY 2016,
THE STEAM HEAT BILL WAS \$10,499.
PRAY FOR A WARM JANUARY!



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.

An American tourist in Dublin asks
a local citizen:

"Is Irish whiskey REALLY strong?"

The Irishman answered him: "Aye, it's very strong; last
Saturday after only 2 Irish whiskeys, I went to 7am Mass."

"What's so unusual about that," the American asked.
The Irishman replied: "I'm Jewish!"



The Christmas Giving Tree
presented by the Sisters of Life to serve
pregnant women and their families.



It's Collection weekend!
Please leave your gifts
in the narthex of the church.

A very big thank you to all who
participated in the Giving Tree
from the Sisters and all their helpers & transporters!

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



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 17 @ 3:00 - 7:00 PM
at the Epiphany School - 237 E 22 St

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

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)



UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Today's Psalm: 146 *Lord, come and save us.*

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared...the tongue of the dumb will sing."

Isaiah's words assume a dire state of affairs for the world as it awaits the saving touch of God. When God arrives, the barren wilderness will rejoice in springtime bloom; desolation will be replaced with splendor; the frightened will be reassured; the weak will be made strong; the blind will see; the deaf will hear; still tongues will sing.

Isaiah looks forward to the day when God ransoms us from our imprisonment and we enter his kingdom with joy, to live in his presence forever.

Isaiah's words focused on the future coming of the Lord. The season Advent is our time to anticipate the joyful celebration of the birth of Christ.



James 5:7-10

"Be patient, brothers and sisters...Do not complain..."

James wove his definition of faith and works together in these few verses. He counseled patience as we wait for the Lord's return.

James realized that, as the Christian community waited, the feeling of anticipation began to wear thin. They had fallen into the all-too-human habits of gossip, unkindness, and finding fault with each other. He cautioned them to stop complaining and judging one another. The Judge of all is waiting. The day of God's return has been promised, but we still do not know when it will be.

Therefore, James offered examples of patience: a

farmer who waits for his crop; the prophets who waited for centuries for God to return. Our wait for the Lord's coming should be met with the same patience and firm heart.



Matthew 11:2-11

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

Many scholars believe that, before Jesus began his own ministry, he was a disciple of John the Baptist. Both preached the message, "Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand." When John was arrested, Jesus' began to gather his disciples and to deliver the Good News to all the people.

Jesus answered John's question, "Are you the one...?" by telling his messengers to tell John what Jesus was doing – how Jesus addressed himself to the sufferings of the poor, bringing sight to the blind, hearing to deaf ears, walking to the lame, cleansing to lepers, even raising the dead to life.

The ministry of Jesus in the world was the one foretold by Isaiah and other prophets and finally, by John, Christ's contemporary. John prepared the people for the Kingdom. As the Messiah, Christ was the Kingdom here on earth.

Until Christ, there was no one born of woman greater than John the Baptist, who made straight the path for the Messiah. When Christ came into the world, our Messiah was here to give us a path to his kingdom.



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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