

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
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

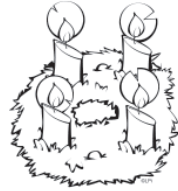
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Announced Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Frank Mulligan

Sunday, December 18, 2016**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am Joseph F. Sullivan
 10:00 am Elaine Pravato
 12:00 pm Margaret R. Sullivan
 7:30 pm Our Parishioners

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

8:00 am Ann Elder
 12:10 pm Jimmie Dwyer

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

8:00 am Joseph Walsh
 12:10 pm Vito Gazzettino

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

8:00 am Winston Brome
 12:10 pm Leonard Hunt

Thursday, December 22, 2016

8:00 am Francisco Lee LLacer
 12:10 pm Helen & James Turner

Friday, December 23, 2016

8:00 am The McGroarty Family
 12:10 pm intentions of Lina Llacer

Saturday, December 24, 2016**Christmas Eve**

8:00 am **NO MORNING MASS**
 3:00 pm **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
 4:00 pm intentions of the McHugh family
 10:00 pm Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 25, 2016**Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am Frank & Elizabeth Matthews
 10:00 am Intentions of Lily & Epifanio Calpo
 12:00 pm Omar Bernaldez
 7:30 pm **NO EVENING MASS**

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

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Saturday, December 24 - No 8:00 AM Mass
 No Confessions -- No Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, December 25 - no 7:30 PM Mass

Sunday, January 1 - no 7:30 PM Mass

Monday, January 2 - No 12:10 PM Mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp

from Dec 18 - Dec 24
 will burn in memory of
 Msgr George Cascelli and
 Father Joseph Baker

**The Bread and Wine**

from Dec 18 - Dec 24
 will be offered in memory of
 Carmine Esposito

**2017 Mass Book**

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

***Advent Candle Dedication***

Fourth Sunday of Advent

deceased members
 of the Sheehan family

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.

**These are the 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.*

BUSINESS OFFICE EARLY CLOSING

On Monday, December 19,
 the rectory Business Office
 will close at 2:30 PM.

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 3 - 4

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
209	126	343	257	170

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM
Come and enjoy Epiphany's Annual
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Sacred Hymns and Holy Scripture
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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.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Octave of Christmas



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.

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.

My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds.
Only 15 to go!

How to prepare Tofu
Step 1: Throw it in the trash.
Step 2: Grill some Meat.



Kids today don't know how easy they have it.
When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet -
through shag carpet - to change the TV channel.



Father Austin's Quotables

Many of us, no doubt, have heard the
common excuse for breaking the third
commandment: "I don't go to Mass
because I don't get anything out of it." One might as well
say, "I don't love my neighbor because I don't get
anything out of it", or "I don't do my duty to my country
because I don't get anything out of it." The comment
reveals an egotism all the more shocking in that it is
entirely unsuspected by the egotist himself. It is as if he
appeared to be awake, walking, talking, and listening, all
the while mired in a deep spiritual slumber.

~ Anthony Esolen

ON THE MONEY

Total Operating Expenses

Sep 1 - Nov30

2016 2015

\$161,907 \$190,026

We keep trying to reduce expenses, and we
are pleased to see a 15% reduction from the
same period last year. We need to have the
same success in increasing our revenue,
which has increased slightly, by 4%.



OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD AT CHRISTMAS

We give our loved ones generous gifts at Christmas. But
we are celebrating the birth of Christ. Shouldn't He
receive the best gift?



O EMMANUEL

Your gifts assist us
greatly in our ministry of
service to our
parishioners. Because
of you, Epiphany is a
vibrant parish, able to
serve the spiritual
needs of our people.

Please be as generous as your means allow in your gift
to His Body, the Church, at Christmas.

We are extremely grateful to you for your generosity. You
are always in the prayers of the pastoral staff at
Epiphany.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

for Jan 7 - Apr 29 are now available

**Ministers are invited
to pick up their copies in the ushers' room.**

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Today's Psalm: 24

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Isaiah 1:10-14

"...the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel."

As the Assyrians threatened, Judea's king Ahaz was in very a very anxious state of mind. Isaiah challenged the king with an open invitation. "Ask for any sign from God!" But, so deep was Ahaz's dark outlook that he even rejected that offer.

Isaiah then countered with his own sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel.

Isaiah's words assure us that God would save his people through an occurrence as common as a pregnant girl, yet as miraculous as a virgin birth. God would work his wonders among the lowly, sending a Messiah of humble origins, who would change the world.

God's greatest miracles can be so unspectacular and unexpected that they escape our notice. Advent is our time to notice the signs of hope that God sends into our everyday life.

Romans 1:1-7

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

When Paul wrote his first letter to the new Christians in Rome, he had been away from Rome for a while. He started with the basics, revealing his view of Scripture, emphasizing God's promise of a Messiah.

Paul "received the grace of apostleship" through Christ, God's promise fulfilled. His words to the Romans were a résumé of his ministry and assurance to them that they were "the beloved of God in Rome". They, like Paul, were called to spread the Good News and share the salvation bestowed on them. They belonged to Jesus, the Messiah, the promise of God fulfilled.

A letter from a friend is always welcome, but a letter reminding us that we are "beloved of God" is a true comfort and a gift of hope.

Matthew 1:18-24

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'..."

When Mary's birth was prophesied, her mother, St. Anne, vowed to devote her child to the service of the Lord. Mary would serve the Lord at the Temple, living a life of perpetual virginity. When Mary came of age, it was a requirement of Jewish law to appoint a protector for her. Her chosen spouse, Joseph, an elderly widower, promised to respect her vow of virginity. The gravity of his responsibility as the guardian of a consecrated virgin was confirmed by the fact that, when she was discovered to be with child, he had to answer to the Temple authorities, who thought him guilty of defiling a virgin of the Lord. Mary was also accused of having forsaken the Lord by breaking her vow.

Now, Joseph was in a dilemma: whether to marry Mary and shame them both as dishonoring their vows. Or divorce her quietly, possibly saving her from mortal punishment as an adulteress. In his decision, this righteous man showed as much concern for Mary as he did for himself.

God had other ideas, and Joseph had a dream. An angel of the Lord assured him that Mary's child was conceived through the Holy Spirit and, in recognition of his righteousness, God would honor Joseph with a son, a heavenly gift. The name God gave Joseph's son foretold the child's character and destiny. He would be called Jesus, which means "God saves us."

And Joseph took Mary into his house in fulfillment of Scripture and in accordance with God's will.



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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