

**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

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**January 1, 2017**

**Solemnity of**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions****Saturday, December 31, 2016****New Year's Eve - St. Sylvester 1**

4:00 pm Thanksgiving from the Escueta family

**Sunday, January 1, 2017****Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God**

8:00 am Our Parishioners

10:00 am Henry Morgan

12:00 pm Sr. Doris Sayonne, RDC

7:30 pm **NO EVENING MASS****Monday, January 2, 2016****St. Basil the Great and****St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 am Yolanda Cortez Vasquez

12:10 pm **NO AFTERNOON MASS****Tuesday, January 3, 2016****Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

12:10 pm Mallon &amp; Liddy families

**Wednesday, January 4, 2016****St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**8:00 am deceased members  
of the Dooley family

12:10 pm John Brogan

**Thursday, January 5, 2016****St. John Neumann**

8:00 am Edward G. Morr

12:10 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr

**Friday, January 6, 2016**

8:00 am Christmas Novena

12:10 pm Lillian Conard

**Saturday, January 7, 2016**

8:00 am Erlinda Camacho

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

**BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED****Friday, December 30****reopening Monday, January 9****In an emergency, call 631-807-8618****MASS ATTENDANCE****December 17 - 18**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
181	114	267	204	140

**SCHEDULE CHANGES****Sunday, January 1 - no 7:30 PM Mass****Monday, January 2 - No 12:10 PM Mass****Our Sanctuary Lamp**

from Jan 1 - 7  
will burn in memory of  
Lillian Conard

**The Bread and Wine**

from Jan 1 - 7  
will be offered for  
The Filipino Committee  
of Epiphany Church

**2017 Mass Book**

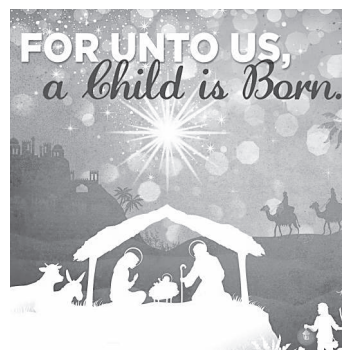
Reservations for 2017 announced Masses  
may be arranged at the rectory office.



*(Correction)*  
**COLLECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS &  
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**Solemnity of  
Mary, the Holy Mother  
of God  
Sunday, January 1**

**Lectors**

Lector Schedules for  
Jan 7 - Apr 30  
are now available

**Ministers are invited to pick up their copies  
in the ushers' room or to view & download  
them on the Epiphany website.**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

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

## 150 YEARS OLD!!



In 2018, Epiphany Parish will be 150 years old. This is a tremendous milestone! Just think of all the good things that have come about because of the Parish's presence in this community!

We want to celebrate this milestone, our "Sesquicentennial", throughout 2018, but it will take much planning, which will begin soon. Cardinal Dolan will celebrate with us at Mass. Additionally, there will be a parish dinner, a commemorative journal, etc.

We invite all parishioners to contribute their talents & hard work to this year-long celebration.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. If you wish to volunteer, please call the rectory office (Mon - Fri - 9AM - 5 PM - 212-475-1966).



### *A Very Sincere Thank You!*

to our altar servers, a vital part of our liturgies at Epiphany Church.

We appreciate your dedication to your ministry of service and the reverence and respect you show to our Spiritual Home.

You are Epiphany's true gifts.

### *A True INTERest in Coffee!*

Coffee lovers have squabbled for centuries over the best way to extract juice from roasted beans... drip? steam? pour over press?

A coffee magnate was so partial to the brew from his company's espresso maker that, upon his death, his family placed his ashes inside one.

### ON THE MONEY

Average Weekly Collections Fiscal Year <b>1971</b>	\$ 23,867*	
Average Weekly Collections Fiscal Year <b>2016</b>	\$14,115	
Decline	\$ 9,752	(41%)
*adjusted for inflation		

## 2017 Pilgrimage for Life

Friday, January 27, in Washington, D.C.

A Pilgrimage of Prayer, Penance & Fellowship on a March for Life to commemorate the 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.



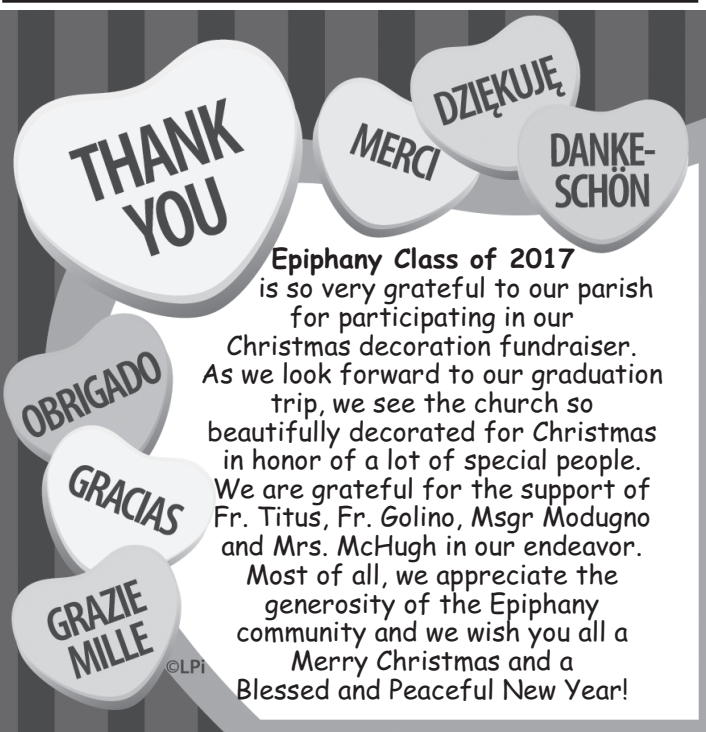
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### *A New Year's Wish*

This New Year, I wish that ~  
God showers you with His choicest Blessings  
Fate never takes you for a bumpy ride  
Cupid strikes you with his sweetest arrow  
Lady Luck bestows upon you health and wealth, and  
Your Guardian Angel keeps your mind alert & bright.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD





## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

*Today's Psalm: 67*  
*May God bless us in his mercy.*

### Numbers 6:22-27

***"The Lord bless you and keep you!"***

The ancient blessing bestowed by God and delivered by his priests to his chosen people, is short in length, but long in power. It is confirmation of God's covenant with Abraham, to bless him and his descendants, which were to be as plentiful as the stars in the sky.

The blessing calls upon God to turn his face to his people and treat them graciously. They were his chosen, over any other, and he would renew them with his presence as his priests bestowed his blessing. God would look kindly upon his people and peace would be his gift to them.

### Aaron's blessing

contains words we have often heard, not realizing how ancient they are and how profoundly they describe God's promises. Thousands of years witnessed millions of his people receiving this ancient blessing, as we do even today.



### Galatians 4:4-7

***"...you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir..."***

Good news from Paul!

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul delivers the news that, through the birth of Christ, God has made us heirs to his kingdom.

Christ came to us, conceived by the Spirit and delivered of a woman. Christ delivered to us the same Spirit, making *his* Father *our* Father.



The work of the Spirit in our salvation began with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary.

Mary became the Mother of God through the gift of the Spirit. We are children of God through the gift of the same Spirit.

### Luke 2:16-21

***"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."***

Luke had a special place in his heart for the lowly and the outcast. To us, the shepherds who witnessed Jesus at his humble birth seem like an idyllic image, but they were humble members of society, unskilled laborers, held in disdain by those who employed them.

The Jewish people expected the Messiah to make himself known first to Jewish leadership, the priests of the Temple, the Sanhedrin, *anyone* other than these hired hands. They also expected a luxurious setting in which they would greet their Messiah.

Yet, the angels had called upon the shepherds to bear witness to the newborn Messiah, who, himself, had been born into a family of no special import, in a humble setting, without earthly fanfare.

God's vital message to the world started as a tiny baby, in a tiny place, among unimportant people, yet it spread the world over with its lesson of greatness in humility, of nobility among the lowly, of God among men.

And Mary, the young mother, pondered all of this in her heart.



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