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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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28 St. Thomas Aguinas

James McElroy 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 29

Mary & David Power 8:00 am Maria E. Bernaldez 10:00 am 12:00 pm Kwan Yen Hing Our Parishioners 7:30 pm

Monday, January 30

8:00 am Joan & Dick Woods 12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Tuesday, January 31 St. John Bosco

8:00 am Jane Curley 12:10 pm Yolanda Cortez Vasquez

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am sister of Kevin Farrelly

12:10 pm Paul O'Sullivan

Thursday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Pauline Sugrue 12:10 pm William Smart

Friday, February 3 St. Blaise

8:00 am Fieldston Lodge Staff Winifred McIntyre 12:10 pm

Saturday, February 4

Mary T. Walsh 8:00 am

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

MASS ATTENDANCE

January 21 - 22

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 206 117 328 no count 130

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 Jan 29 - Feb 4 will burn for the Filipino Committee of Epiphany Church





The Bread and Wine

from Jan 29 - Feb 4 will be offered for the Faithful in our Book of Prayer Intentions

Our new Prayer List

We have a new book of **Prayer Intentions** in the Saints & Candle Alcove.



Please enter in the book the names of loved ones you would like to be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful.

Feast of Saint Blaise Friday, February 3



The traditional Blessing of Throats will take place at the 8:00 AM & 12:10 PM Masses ONLY.

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS for 2016

In order to declare contributions to Epiphany on your 2016 tax return, the IRS requires filers to obtain a written statement of contributions **PRIOR TO** filing the return.

Please call the parish office to request a statement of contributions.

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.

If you wish to volunteer, please call the rectory office (Mon - Fri - 9AM - 5 PM - 212-475-1966).



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May this year be filled with abundant grace and blessings for Epiphany parish and all her people. And always be assured that you are in our prayers.

Whoa! Chee-hoo-a-hoo-a!



A man goes into a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink.

The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog."

"Oh man," the bartender says, "I'm sorry. Here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door.

Another guy walks into the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog."

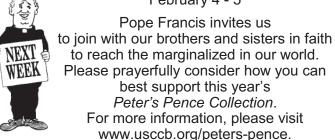
The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!"

The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. NOBODY has a Chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog."

The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What??! They gave me a Chihuahua??!"

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February 4 - 5



Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese offers three one-day retreats for parents who have lost a child of any age, in any manner, whether recently or long ago. This spiritual, personal, faith-restoring retreat is offered by grieving parents for grieving parents.

- St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers)
 Saturday, February 11th and February 25th.
- Church of the Magdalene (Tarrytown) Saturday, April 1.

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

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

Today's Psalm: 146

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

"Seek the Lord...seek justice...seek humility..."

The prophet Zephaniah preached in Judea at a time when Egypt and the eastern empires held power over the Jewish population. To keep the peace, the Jewish kings followed the path of least resistance, allowing pagan idols in their cities, even participating in the worship of gods other than the one true God. Not surprisingly, the Jewish faith suffered. The king was careless and the people followed along, giving only lip service in their worship of God.

In this political climate, Zephania warned the Jews that the day of divine wrath was coming. Yet he also assured his people that, with divine justice would come mercy for those who turned away from sin. God would give refuge in his name to the humble, the just, the truthful. We are the heirs of the people of God to whom Zephaniah spoke. His words are meaningful to us today in our belief that God's Kingdom will open for us if we live a good life.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

"...God chose the foolish...God chose the weak...God chose the lowly and despised..."

We live in a very privileged world here in a nation filled with blessings. Most of us can read and write. Most of us can supply our daily needs, sometimes in humble ways, but often more satisfying than much of the world. When we feel unlucky, we really need only to look to the world to know how blessed we are.

Paul's words today reminded the Christians of Corinth (and us) that God chose them, not because they were well-born or wealthy, but because of their humanity. He chose the foolish and the weak, the lowly and despised. He chose us flawed creatures so that we would realize we should not boast of ourselves before God. Paul instructs his people to remember that God gave us his Son so that we could be redeemed. In our salvation, we can return to the God who created us, realizing that any pride we feel should be in the fact that God found us worthy of redemption by his beloved Son.

Matthew 5:1-12

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

A teaching moment in Matthew's gospel...In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus assumed the recognized position of a teacher, above his disciples, as he imparted an important lesson to them.

In Christ's time, the "poor" made up about 90% of the population. A "poor" person was unimportant, ignored, of no special significance. Yet, here was the rabbi, telling his disciples that, in God's eyes, they were important. If they lived humbly, righteously, if they showed mercy and lived in peace, with clean hearts, God would embrace them as his children and reward them in his Kingdom.

When they suffered in poverty, sadness or hunger, they would be comforted with the knowledge that they were not forgotten, that God had a plan for them in his Kingdom.



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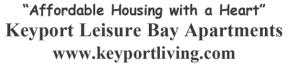
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