

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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EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4

4:00 pm Sandra Morgan

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Frank Duff

10:00 am Hector Luis Diaz Jr

12:00 pm intentions of Lina Llacer

7:30 pm Our Parishioners

Monday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 am Robert Curley

12:10 pm Sandra H. Acerno



Tuesday, February 7

8:00 am Damaso Rotor

12:10 pm intentions of the Bernal family

Wednesday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh

12:10 pm Roxanne Laucevicius

Thursday, February 9

8:00 am John James

12:10 pm Muriel T. Tracy



Friday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:00 am intentions of

Gerard Moran

12:10 pm Bertha Cardillo

Saturday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Raul Diomampo



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



*Peace
in the
Womb*

MASS ATTENDANCE

January 28 - 29

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
185	98	355	no count	258

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 Feb 5 - 11

will burn for

the Filipino Committee
of Epiphany Church



The Bread and Wine

from Feb 5 - 11

will be offered for

the intentions of

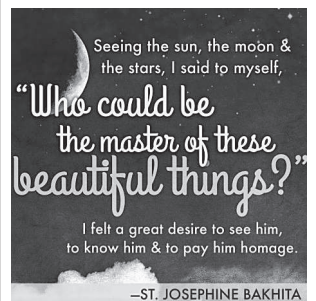
Paula C. Sherrington

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.*



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

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).



The Pope and the Rabbi

Centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert to Catholicism or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal: he'd have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy; if the Pope won, they'd have to convert or leave.

The Jewish people met and picked an aged and wise rabbi to represent them in the debate. However, as the rabbi spoke no Italian, and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they agreed that it would be a 'silent' debate.

On the chosen day the Pope and rabbi sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. The rabbi looked back and raised one finger. Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head. The rabbi pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine. The rabbi pulled out an apple. With that, the Pope stood up and declared himself beaten and said that the rabbi was too clever. The Jews could stay in Italy.

Later the cardinals met with the Pope and asked him what had happened. The Pope said, 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up a single finger to remind me there is still only one God common to both our beliefs. Then, I waved my finger around my head to show him that God was all around us. The rabbi responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins, and the rabbi pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin. He bested me at every move and I could not continue.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community gathered to ask the rabbi how he'd won. 'I haven't a clue,' said the rabbi. 'First, he told me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger. Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews and I told him that we were staying right here.'

'And then what?' asked a woman. 'Who knows?' said the rabbi. 'He took out his lunch so I took out mine.'



ON THE MONEY

2016 Donations

Parish Pay 7,326

Envelopes 12,330

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.

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CINEMA DIVINA

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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: 112

*The just man is a light in darkness
to the upright.*

Isaiah 58:7-10

***"If you remove from your midst oppression,
false accusation and malicious speech...then
light shall rise for you in the darkness..."***

Isaiah's words today were composed for his people during the rebuilding of Jerusalem, five hundred years before the birth of Christ. The exiles had returned from Babylon and, in time, the euphoria of their homecoming had worn off. The hard work and drudgery of rebuilding was heavy on their shoulders. These final ten chapters of Isaiah addressed the malaise of the people. (It's a little like our New York winter from January until March...only a **LOT** longer.)

Isaiah reminded his people that, rather than indulging in self-pity and taking out their frustration on their neighbors, they should open themselves to one another. Find those among them in need and share their food, shelter and the very clothes on their back. Looking outward to others would shed a light in the darkness. Isaiah counseled his people that, rather than remaining in darkness, they would receive the gift of God's light to dispel the gloom, not just in their physical world, but, even more importantly, in their spirits.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

***"...I came to you...that your faith might rest,
not on human wisdom, but on the power of
God."***

As always, Paul has one message, and one message only...Salvation through Christ, the Crucified.

In today's message to the Corinthians, Paul belittled his speaking talents and admitted the fear and weakness he felt when he came to proclaim salvation to them. Instead, he insisted his ministry and message were inspired by the Spirit. Paul did not aspire to greatness through his preaching; he understood that delivering the message of salvation was God's plan for him.

By his example, Paul inspired the new Christians of Corinth to share their faith, not as great preachers or charismatic speakers, but through the spirit bestowed on them by God. They would become known as good Christians when they shared their faith from their hearts. People would come to know Jesus, the Savior, when they saw the power of God demonstrated in the spirit of his people.



Matthew 5:13-16

***"...your light must shine before others, that they
may see your good deeds and glorify your
heavenly Father."***

Jesus called his followers "the salt of the earth." Sounds cheap by today's standards, but in the ancient world, salt was a valuable commodity. Christ also pointed out that salt could become contaminated and lose its value, just as sin can contaminate our souls.

In a more perpetual analogy, Christ called his people "the light of the world." They were to be "a city set on a mountain", a lamp that "gives light to all in the house." They would show faith in action for all to see, so those who witness can be brought to faith for the glory of God.

Jesus knew that the story of his faithful would not end when he returned to his Father. He knew that the world would watch to see what his people would do when he was no longer there to instruct them in person, visible in the world. We cannot call ourselves Christians and then act as if faith does not matter. Faith must inspire us to fulfill Christ's words in the world. The world will know we are Christians by the light cast our love.

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."
John 13:35



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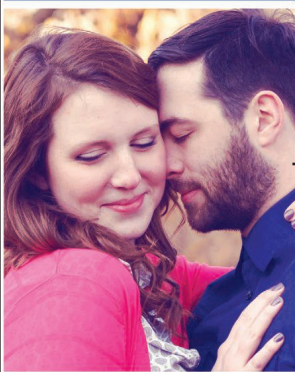
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