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, February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes

4:00 pm Roberto Coello

Sunday, February 12

8:00 am Departed Legionnaires of Mary

10:00 am Marie O'Neill

12:00 pm Paul Scagnelli & Lucy Spadaro

7:30 pm Lisa Geller

Monday, February 13

8:00 am intentions of Connail Moran

12:10 pm Fay Frazier

Tuesday, February 14 Sts. Cyril & Methodius

8:00 am John Bennett 12:10 pm Elizabeth Mumm

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 am Gertrude O'Dea 12:10 pm Gertrude M.S. Walsh

Thursday, February 16

8:00 am Muriel T. Tracy 12:10 pm Angeles Vasquez

Friday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 am Francesco Fiorini 12:10 pm Anne Ruoff

Saturday, February 18

8:00 am intentions of Kevin Moran

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



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Monday, February 20

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February 4 - 5

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM 200 116 324 227 94

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Announced Mass (\$15)

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from Feb 12 - 18
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Almighty God, graciously sustain in us the same spirit of service which you so generously gave to the holy men and women of the Order of Servants of Mary. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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).

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 25th.
- Church of the Magdalene (Tarrytown) Saturday, April 1.

\$25 per person or \$40 per couple (scholarships available) Register online: www.emfgp.org/archny or contact: susan.disisto@archny.org or 646-794-3191



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I asked God for a bike, but I know it doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.



~ Emo Phillips

You know you're getting old when you stop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

~ George Burns

I intend to live forever - so far, so good.

~ Stephen Wright

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

~ Oscar Wilde

First the doctor told me the good news: I'm going to have a disease named after me.

~ Steve Martin

Politics: "Poli" - a Latin word meaning 'many'; "tics" - meaning 'blood sucking creatures.'

~ Robin Williams

My ex-wife is still missing me - but her aim is getting better.

We Would Love to Hear From Our Parishioners!

Do you have a desire to participate more fully at Epiphany? Do you have a special talent you wish to share? Is there a service you would like Epiphany to offer?

How can we enhance your personal experience at Epiphany?

We invite our parishioners to share their interests, talents, and suggestions to build our Epiphany community.

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PLEASE RETURN SURVEY BY SUNDAY, FEB 26.

The 2017 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!

Today is a very important day in our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. This is the official kickoff of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your support of the Appeal helps countless people and sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes.

You may already have received Cardinal Dolan's letter, along with materials illustrating the deep impact the *Cardinal's Appeal* has on our communities.

As stewards, we must live with trust in God's goodness and meet our responsibility to tend to one another in his name.

Please answer the Cardinal's call with your gift to this important annual initiative.

Join Epiphany Parish

If you would like to become an Epiphany parishioner, please complete a "New Parishioner Registration Form" and return it to the business office by fax, e-mail, hand delivery or in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

Forms are available for download in the "Documents" section on the homepage of the parish website.

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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: 119

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Sirach 15:15-20

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you..."

Jeshua ben Sira, the author of the Book of Sirach, used his writings as a textbook for his students in Jerusalem, passing on social advice and moral instruction, as well as religious guidelines. His words were a primer to God's people, using the simple concept that God set before us the commandments by which we are to live. God gave us good and evil, life and death, fire and water and he gave us our free will to choose rightly or wrongly. God watches us and understands us as we make our choices. If we follow his commandments we will choose his ways.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

"...eye has not seen...ear has not heard...what God has prepared for those who love him."

In these short verses to the community at Corinth, St. Paul delivered the message that, when it comes to the ways of God, the more we learn, the less we know. Paul was looking back through the ages, which were informed by the teachings of the prophets. Yet, Christ was crucified by the very people who had heard God's word in scripture. With all the learning of the centuries in scripture, shouldn't they have recognized Christ as God's messenger?

But even as Paul admonishes the new Christians for their benighted state, he describes the wisdom of God as mysterious and hidden. How can we be blamed for not knowing, when the depths of God are unknowable to the human mind?

Paul does finally give his people – and us – hope when he refers to "what God has prepared for those who love him." God has sent us the Spirit to reveal his word to us and to help us understand what awaits us in God's kingdom.



Matthew 5:17-37

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

In Matthew's gospel today, Jesus told his disciples that he came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. He was the "Teacher of Righteousness" foretold in scripture, encouraging the Jewish Christian to live by a higher moral standard than the scribes and Pharisees of his day.

Jesus was concerned with following the Law, but even more, he placed a greater value on interpreting the Law in its purest sense. The commandments imparted in scripture were literally God's will, and, from a Jewish standpoint, needed no other reason to be obeyed.

Jesus commanded his followers not just to follow the words of the Law, but to follow it even more deeply. Do not kill, but also, do not harm with words. Do not lie, but also make good all that you vow, as if vowing to God himself.

Obey God's commandments in all things... simply...honestly...because it is God's will.

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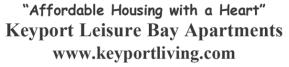
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