

**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.

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Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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**February 19, 2017**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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### Announced Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, February 18**

4:00 pm Maria Skiba

#### **Sunday, February 19**

8:00 am Our Parishioners  
10:00 am Margaret Cannella  
12:00 pm Jesus Lee-Llacer  
7:30 pm Alfredo Vasquez

#### **Monday, February 20**

8:00 am intentions of  
Monica Moran Coughlin

**NO 12:10 MASS**

#### **Tuesday, February 21**

8:00 am intentions of Peggy Moran  
12:10 pm Helen A. O'Shea

#### **Wednesday, February 22**

#### **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle**

8:00 am Yolanda Sipin  
12:10 pm Frank & Elizabeth Matthews

#### **Thursday, February 23**

#### **St. Polycarp**

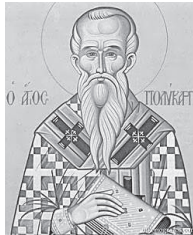
8:00 am Beeze Mahon  
12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

#### **Friday, February 24**

8:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich  
12:10 pm Marianne T. Bogunovich

#### **Saturday, February 25**

8:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich



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

**Monday, February 20  
Presidents' Day**

**BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED**

**There will be no 12:10 Mass**

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

**February 11 - 12**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
178	94	354	210	153

### **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 19 - 25  
will burn in for the intentions of  
Lorenza Deomampo



### **Visitation**



### **SICK and HOMEBOUND**

The Legionnaires of Mary  
would be happy to pay a visit to any of  
Epiphany's homebound parishioners.  
Please call the rectory  
to make arrangements.

### **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).

### ON THE MONEY

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### DEMELLO-STROUD

#### SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25 - 8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

Epiphany Parish Hall (2nd Av - 21/22 Sts Manhattan)

#### A NEW WAY TO LOOK AT LENT

Wake up and see the Dance of Life inspired by the reflections of Anthony DeMello, S.J.

Conference participants have a lot to say about their experience at the DeMello Conference.

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*"I loved the storytelling."*

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*"...life-changing for me."*

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## DON'T MISS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT EPIPHANY!

Please join the many parishioners who have already participated in our survey!

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.

Please complete our quick & easy online survey at <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/ArMFQT7E>

or

pick up a printed survey in the narthex and place the completed survey in the box provided.

**PLEASE RETURN the 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.

### ASK

Are you a senior parishioner looking for information or help? Please come visit us at **ASK**.

A free information and advocacy service for senior parishioners.

Seniors are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on February 25 - 26 after all Masses (except 7:30 PM).

If you, or someone you know, has a question or is looking for information on how to access a particular service, **ASK!** and we will help you find information on a variety of citywide services & organizations.

We may not have all the answers, but if you **ASK**, we will find out for you!

Light refreshments will be served.

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### DON'T MISS THE FUN! BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!

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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: 103* *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

#### Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."***

In this very short reading, God speaks directly to Moses and tells him, "I am the Lord." Such direct language calls us to pay attention! God is speaking! God is telling us to be holy – as *He* is holy. Yes, the Jewish people did not feel worthy even to *speak* God's name, and now they were commanded to be *like* their God – to be holy, as *He* is holy.

It was a challenge for God's ancient people, just as it is for us today. Being human has never been easy. So, how can we obey this command?

It's simple...along with his command, God showed us the way. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

***"Do you not know that you are the temple of God...the Spirit of God dwells in you?"***

Paul certainly had a lot to say to the Christians in Corinth. No wonder he couldn't do it all in just one letter!

In today's reading, Paul knocked the Corinthian Christians down a peg by comparing their self-styled "wisdom" to the wisdom of God. He even quotes scripture to support his reasoning. "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are in vain."

Paul reminded the people that they owed whatever they were to the Spirit of God that dwelled within them. They were not to boast of wisdom as if it were self-ordained. Their only reason for boasting is because of their great good fortune that they belong to Christ. And Christ belongs to God.



#### Matthew 5:38-48

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

In today's gospel, Jesus spoke of Christian justice - not the traditional justice of retribution, but the justice of the Kingdom – a justice that returned injury with forgiveness.



Christ understands our humanity. It is easy for us to be kind to people we like and who are kind to us. He challenges us to cast a wider net with our kindness – to love the seemingly unloveable; to forgive the unforgivable; to give with an open hand without expectation of return.

Christ asks us to be perfect as God is perfect by living with God's model of justice. His words give us a great hope that, if God can forgive us and welcome us into his Kingdom, we can mirror God's forgiveness in the world. We can strive for Christ's standard of perfection – in spite of our humanity.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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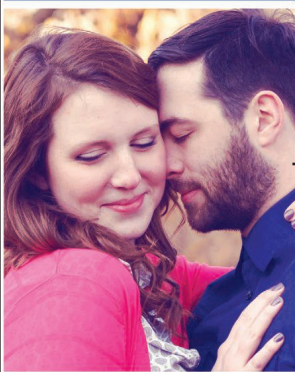
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