

**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:**

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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

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**Novenas:**

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Mt 11:28-30

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 9, 2017**

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## EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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### Announced Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, July 8**

4:00 pm intentions of Alfred Miller

#### **Sunday, July 9**

8:00 am Our Parishioners  
10:00 am Theresa B. Rice  
12:00 pm Al Jones & James Gardiner  
7:30 pm Piotr Zubrzycki

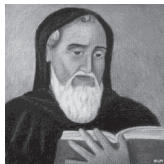
#### **Monday, July 10**

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh  
12:10 pm James Capuano

#### **Tuesday, July 11**

##### **St. Benedict, Abbot**

8:00 am Helen P. Brown  
12:10 pm J. Courtney  
McGroarty Jr



#### **Wednesday, July 12**

8:00 am Howard Wallace & family  
12:10 pm Jack Warmbrand

#### **Thursday, July 13**

8:00 am George Memoly Jr  
12:10 pm Bob Rakshys

#### **Friday, July 14**

##### **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:00 am Mildred &  
Edward Maney  
12:10 pm Thomas Gimbel



#### **Saturday, July 15**

##### **St. Bonaventure**

8:00 am Omar E. Bernaldez



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



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**Announced Mass (\$15)**

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**Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)**

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.



July 9 - 15

### **Our Sanctuary Lamp**

will burn in memory of  
Bessie Anderson

July 9 - 15

### **the Bread and Wine**

will be offered  
in memory of  
Bessie Anderson



**The weekend of July 15 - 16, we will host  
Father Glen Baptiste, a visiting priest from**

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From your good fortune, however humble,  
you give so generously to people who live in poverty  
from generation to generation.

We are so very grateful  
for the kindness of our parishioners.

*I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave  
me something to drink. I was sick and you looked after me.*

*Amen, I say unto you, whatsoever you have done  
to the least of my people, you have done it to me.*

*Matthew 25: 35-40*

### **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

(most) Tuesday evenings in the church at 7:00 PM

Next prayer gathering: Tuesday, July 11th

What is contemplative prayer? How do we engage in it?

Contemplative prayer is the prayer of the listening heart.

Each person's prayer journey will be personal,  
as the Holy Spirit guides us into God's presence.



*"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."*  
*Psalm 37:7*

**This Week at Epiphany**  
**July 9 - 16**

**Tuesday** - Contemplative Prayer - 7 PM (narthex)  
**Wednesday** - Legion of Mary - 5 PM (rectory)  
**Sunday** - Food for the Poor visiting priest - all Masses  
Baptisms - 1:15 PM (church)



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We hope to exceed last year's total  
with the help of our generous parishioners!

We are constantly humbled  
by the good and giving people of Epiphany Parish.

*For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21*

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*"Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!  
But he said in reply, 'Amen I say to you, I do not know you.'  
Matthew 25:11-12*

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## ***The Gentle Mastery of Christ***

***Come to me all who labor and are burdened  
and I will give you rest.***

***Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy and my burden light.***

*Matthew 11:28-30*

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## **Forgiveness is the Joy of God**

In his Sunday Angelus, the Holy Father said the "joy of God" is ultimately found in pardoning another for his wrongdoing, just as in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

"What is the joy of God? It is to forgive!" the Pope told pilgrims Sept. 15, explaining that in this teaching "is the whole Gospel, it is all of Christianity!"

Forgiveness, he warned, "is not a sentiment - it is not 'feeling good' - on the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the cancer that is sin, bad morality or bad spirituality."

"Only love fills up the emptiness, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and in history," continued the Pontiff.

God alone is complete mercy and love, while each of us is the Prodigal Son who has "squandered his own freedom following false idols, mirages of happiness, and have lost everything."

"But God does not forget us," the Holy Father added. "The Father never abandons us. He is a patient Father. He always respects us. He respects our freedom but remains always faithful."

Like the father of the Prodigal Son, "when we return to Him, he welcomes us as children, in his house, because he never gives up waiting for us with love, not even for a moment. And his heart is in celebration for every child that returns."

This "celebration" is found in the joy that God has "for each of us who returns to Him and asks His forgiveness."

We need never fear approaching God, but should rather remember that God "always awaits us" when we seek his mercy.

However, we must be aware of certain "dangers" that must be avoided, especially acting as judges rather than leaving that to God.

"We presume to be judges and we judge others," he said. "We judge God, too, because we think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving them."

"The devil is shrewd," added Pope Francis. He "deceives us with the idea that our human justice can save us and save the world. In reality, only the justice of God can save us!"

God's justice is very different from that proposed by the devil, he continued. "The justice of God is revealed in the Cross." There we see how God judges: by "giving his life for us!"

Jesus' sacrifice of his life on the Cross is the "supreme act of justice" and is "also precisely an act of mercy."

Every Christian is called to this kind of mercy, exhorted Pope Francis. "Jesus calls all of us to follow this path: 'be merciful, as your Father is merciful.'"

The Holy Father encouraged his audience to examine their own hearts to see where they may need to extend mercy and forgiveness.

"Everyone in silence think of someone with whom things aren't going well: someone we are angry at, someone we don't wish well. Think of this person, and in silence in this moment let's pray for this person and become merciful towards this person."

After leading the crowds in the traditional Angelus prayer, Pope Francis remembered the witness of the Argentine priest, Father José Gabriel Brochero, who was beatified on Sept. 14.

Fr. Brochero's service for the kingdom of God even until the end of his life as a blind leper, was a witness of "the joy of the good Shepherd," he said.

*Vatican City, Sep 15, 2013  
by Kerri Lenartowick*

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