

Church Hours:

Monday through Friday hours:

7:30 am - 9:00 am and 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday hours:

7:30 am - 9:00 am and 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunday hours:

7:30 am - 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am and 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (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 pm. 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 pm 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 pm

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 pm Mass

Parish House (Rectory):

239 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010-6463

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and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

8:00 am Peter Nardoza
4:00 pm Rose Grabowski

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Louis "Tracy" Bolce
10:00 am Filomena Nieddu
12:00 pm Francisco Lee Llacer
7:30 pm Michael Bonagura



Monday, December 4

8:00 am Mary Vercesi
12:10 pm Hector Luis Diaz Jr.

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 am Thanksgiving - Gabriel & Herminia Rotor
12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 am the Brown Family, living and deceased
12:10 pm John Pomponio

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:00 am for the intentions of
Eileen & Pat Smith & family
12:10 pm the intentions of Gloria Gannon

Friday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Kathleen Driscoll Weinle
12:10 pm Yolanda Sipin
5:30 pm Our Parishioners

Saturday, December 9

8:00 am Frank Neville
4:00 pm Debbie Sue Bolce

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Elaine Pravato
10:00 am Maria Cepe Go
12:00 pm Peter Joseph Nardoza
7:30 pm Our Parishioners



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

MASS ATTENDANCE

church capacity: 700

MASS	Nov 18-19 Attendance	Nov 25-26 Attendance
4:00 PM	176	182
8:00 AM	83	98
10:00 AM	331	254
12:00 PM	290	199
7:30 PM	165	144



Weekly Basket Collection
Nov 18 - 19 Nov 25 - 26
\$6,791 \$6,665
Nov 18 - 19 Envelope Donations
\$ 5,526
average donation: \$24

REMEMBRANCE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Announced Mass (\$15)

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.

December 3 - 9

Our Sanctuary Lamp

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December 3 - 9

the Bread & Wine

will be offered in loving memory of
Piotr, Genevieve, & Ana Zubrzycki

Advent Candle Dedication

First Sunday of Advent

Lillian & George Conard,
Jack Warmbrand & James Lee



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, DECEMBER 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Masses at 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM
Epiphany School Mass at 9 AM (anyone may attend)

Blessing for the Fullness of This Day

I bless this day in the fullness of good it already contains, in the many occasions it offers to listen deeply, to be of service to others, to express gratitude moment by moment and to keep my mind so filled with love, beauty and joy that no negativity can find even the tiniest crack in which to set foot. I bless this day in the infinite opportunities it gives me to love: to love and bless every human I meet, every beast or bird I pass by, every plant I behold, for all are but the manifold expressions of the infinite Life that undergirds all. Truly, I bless this day for the wonderful adventure it can become as I walk through it with the eyes of wonder rather than boredom, use every opportunity to express peace rather than irritation, and choose love over fear. Thank you, God, for this day.
~ Pierre Pradervand



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
(most) Tuesday evenings in the church

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 12

prayer will now begin at 6:30 PM

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 - December 2 - December 10

Saturday - Pray the Rosary - Ladies of Charity - 3 PM (CH)

Sat & Sun - 8th Grade Christmas Flower Sale - after Masses

Sunday - 5th Grade Family Mass & Breakfast - 10 AM (CH)

Monday - Daisy Troop 3114 - 2:30 PM (PH)

Advent Reflections - 7 PM (PH)

Tuesday - Beacon of Hope event - 3 PM (PH)

CCD Confirmation Class (Library)

Baptism Instruction - 7 PM (CH)

Wednesday - WITS Lab - 9 AM (PH)

OLPH Novena - after 12:10 Mass (CH)

Children from School for the Deaf - 1:15 (PH)

Youth Choir Music Club - 3 PM (CH)

CCD (grades 1-6) - 3 PM (CH)

Cub Scouts - 5:30 PM (PH)

Legion of Mary - 5 PM (rectory)

Adult Choir - 7 PM (CH)

Thursday - WITS Lab - 9 AM (PH)

Boy Scouts - 6:30 PM (PH)

Friday - Immaculate Conception - School Mass - 9 AM (CH)

Sat & Sun - 8th Grade Christmas Flower Sale - after Masses

Collection Day for Giving Tree (NX)

Sunday - Cub Scout Toy Drive - after 8, 10, 12 Masses

Breakfast with Santa - 11 AM (PH)

Cinema Divina

Come and enjoy a prayerful viewing of *The Shack*, a film that fosters our ability to view culture with eyes of faith.

December 14 at 6:30 PM

St. Mary's Byzantine Church (246 E 15 St @ 2nd Av)

For further information, please contact Sr. Hosea at the Pauline Center for Media Studies East

hrupprecht@paulinemedia.com or 310-890-8226



**Feast of St. Lucy
December 13**

Xavier Society for the Blind

St. Lucy is the patron saint of the blind. As her feast day approaches, the Xavier Society invites us to become familiar with their catalog of books for the blind, available in both braille and audio formats.

Please visit their website
xaviersocietyfortheblind.org
or e-mail them at

info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org
or call 800-637-9193.

Help the society in their mission
to assist blind and visually impaired Catholics to follow their faith tradition.



Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 PM

Come and enjoy Epiphany's Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sacred Hymns and Holy Scripture bring us together to celebrate the Christmas season in a beautiful evening of music and spirituality.

Admission is free

Reception immediately following in Parish Hall

Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan

Wednesday, December 13 at St. Patrick's Cathedral

6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Adoration & Confessions

Mass begins at 7:30 PM

Music by Ike Ndolo.

Join us for a social after Mass at a nearby venue.

For further information, visit www.catholinc.com

At all Masses on December 16-17

The Little Sisters of the Poor

will visit our parish for a special collection for the Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged Poor in the Bronx.

The Little Sisters dedicate their lives to serve the aged poor and to share and alleviate the suffering in the world.

Please help the Sisters with a generous contribution to support their mission of service to the aged poor at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx.



Give of yourself this Christmas Season

Volunteer one afternoon to feed the homeless.
Sunday, December 17th, 11:30am - 3:00pm
at St. Francis Xavier Soup Kitchen.

Please register in advance!

Contact Virginia Hill - vhspeech@aol.com or 917-612-2649

All registered volunteers will meet
in front of Epiphany church at 11:00 AM on December 17th.
We will walk to 55 W 15 St together.

CHRISTMAS TREES OF LOVE

It's your last chance!

Celebrate the memory of a loved one.
Express your gratitude to a friend or family member by dedicating a 5' lighted Christmas tree on Epiphany plaza.

Sign up in the narthex of the church
with your name & contact details.

Include the dedication which will be displayed with your tree.

Payment of \$150 is due by December 3.

Let's light up the neighborhood and demonstrate Epiphany's welcoming embrace to all our brothers & sisters who pass our church.

For more information, please contact
Fr. Jim Mayzik SJ at
jmayzik@gmail.com
or speak to him
any time before or after Mass.



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December

Why Advent, again? - two evenings of contemplation & conversation

For two Mondays in Advent, we invite our parishioners, friends & neighbors to contemplate and discuss the meaning & purpose of once again celebrating this opening season of the church with a screening and discussion of the acclaimed 2014 film entitled *Calvary*.

The film - about an Irish priest who faces the cynicism and despair of a Catholic Church still reeling from its many sins - speaks to the question of why we need to give birth again to Christ in the world and in our lives, and what we must do to prepare for His birth.

Join Fr Jim Mayzik SJ, founder, director and professor of the Film and Television Program at Fairfield University, in an introduction to the season of Advent and of the film, followed by a screening and a shared discussion of the Advent themes in the film and their application to our real lives today.

We will meet in on **Monday December 4th and Monday December 11th in the Parish Hall at 7pm.**
Refreshments will be provided to aid in our fellowship.



School
News

Christmas Eve Pageant

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented during the 4:00 family Mass on Christmas Eve.

We invite children in grades 1 - 8 to participate. as Jesus, Mary & Joseph, angels, and shepherds. The parish will provide most of the costumes.

Rehearsals will be held in the church on Thursdays, Dec 14 & 21 from 4:00 - 5:30.

All children, including choir members must attend both rehearsals.

To participate, please get in touch with Megan Grant at mgrant@theepiphanyschool.org before the first rehearsal.



A Gift of Beauty & Honor

Epiphany School's graduating class is raising funds for their graduation activities in June 2018.

Honor your loved one by purchasing decorations to be enjoyed by our parishioners throughout the Christmas season.

The name of your loved one will be handwritten on a specially designed honor tag which will be placed on the altar.

You will receive a matching card as a Christmas keepsake.

Suggested donations of \$25 to \$200 will contribute to the purchase of poinsettias, centerpieces, wreaths & boxwood trees.

Join the Class of 2018 in the narthex of the church on **December 2-3 & December 9-10**

before and after all Masses (except 7:30 PM), and at the EFA's Breakfast with Santa on Dec 10

in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:00 Family Mass.

We welcome donations of any amount to decorate our church, to honor your loved ones, and to support our graduating class.

We wish you a Merry & Blessed Christmas!



The Christmas Giving Tree

is once again presented by the Sisters of Life to serve pregnant women and their families.

Celebrate the birth of every child as a renewal of the gift of the Christ Child.

Beginning on November 18, gift envelopes will be on a table in the narthex.

Please take an envelope and return the **unwrapped** item to the narthex.

Collection weekend is December 9-10 in the narthex of the church.

Adopt a Family for Christmas (or just one or two people)

Help Santa bring Christmas to everyone!

For more information: contact Virginia Urban virginiaurban@yahoo.com or 212-217-3044

Drop-off is Wed, December 13 @ 3:00 - 7:00 PM

at the Epiphany School - 237 E 22 St

(Please do not leave your gift in the narthex!)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 18 - 4 PM to 8 PM

MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER! Sunday, December 10

Help Cub Scout Pack 422 perform a good deed as they sponsor a **Christmas Toy Drive**.



Bring unwrapped toys and gift cards to Epiphany church after the 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses.

(If you can't come on Sunday, please drop off your gifts

at the rectory by Tues, Dec 12)

Help us "wrap up" some smiles this Christmas!



School
News

The Epiphany School

is currently accepting applications and holding guided tours for parents interested in enrolling their child for the 2018 / 2019 school year.

Our application process is explained on our website: www.theepiphanyschool.org.

For further information about tours and admissions, call 212-473-4128.

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"It is a good rule after reading a new book, never to allow yourself another new one until you have read an old one in between. ~ C.S. Lewis

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