

**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

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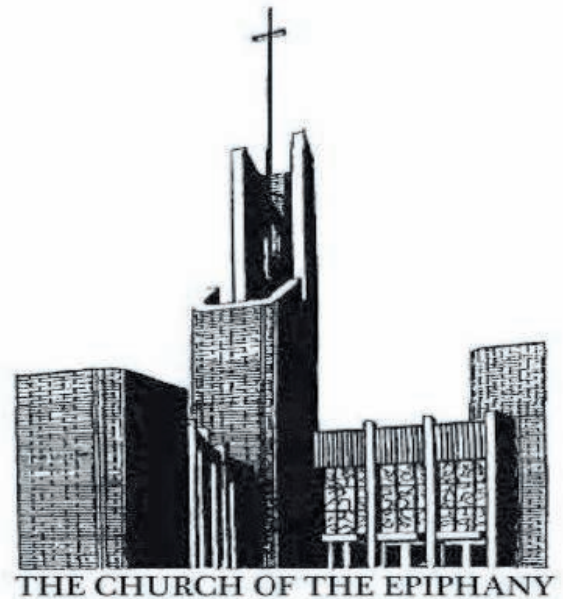
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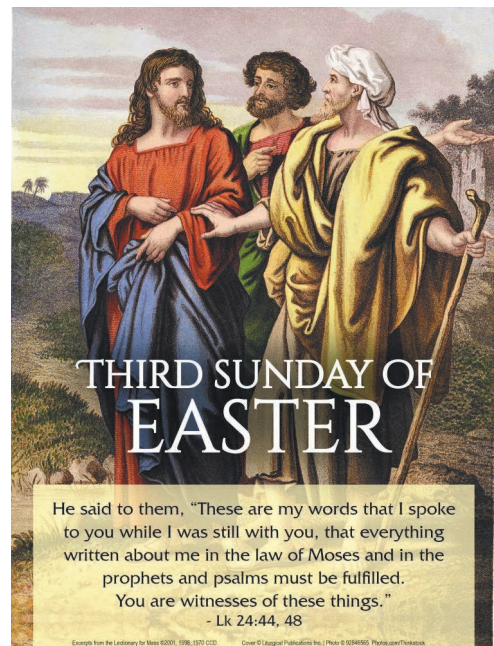
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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2018**

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## EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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### Announced Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, April 14**

8:00 am Easter Intentions  
4:00 pm Helen M. Nealy

#### **Sunday, April 15**

8:00 am Celedonio Tolete  
10:00 am Marie O'Neill  
12:00 pm Louis Alessio  
7:30 pm Our Parishioners

#### **Monday, April 16**

8:00 am Dominick & Rosa Martire  
12:10 pm Ann & Chris Heim

#### **Tuesday, April 17**

8:00 am Easter Intentions  
12:10 pm James A. Verlin

#### **Wednesday, April 18**

8:00 am Easter Intentions  
12:10 pm intentions of Dan Bianco

#### **Thursday, April 19**

8:00 am Dorothy R. Walsh  
12:10 pm Annmarie Capuano

#### **Friday, April 20**

8:00 am Easter Intentions  
12:10 pm Milton Herrera Sr. & Richard Herrera

#### **Saturday, April 21**

8:00 am Stephen Carousso  
4:00 pm Elaine Basil

#### **Sunday, April 22**

8:00 am Timothy J. McGinn  
10:00 am Agaton C. Sabino  
12:00 pm Francisca Rivera & René Mercado  
7:30 pm Our Parishioners

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

### ***Easter Blessings at Epiphany***



We are so very grateful to you, our parishioners, for your generosity during the Easter Triduum.

As vital as your financial support is to us, even more central to the life of our parish is your spiritual participation in the most sacred days of the Christian calendar.

We are truly blessed to have enjoyed the Easter Triduum together and we look forward to your continued support in the Easter season as we share in the joy of the Risen Christ.

### 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.



April 15 - May 5  
our **Sanctuary Lamp**  
will burn in memory of  
Victor Tabije

April 15 - 21  
our **Bread & Wine**  
will be offered  
for the healing & health of  
Fr. Austin



### **BECOME A PARISHIONER AT EPIPHANY!**

Visit our website, [epiphanychurch.nyc](http://epiphanychurch.nyc).  
Complete the "New Parishioner Registration Form" in the DOCUMENTS module on the home page.  
Return it to the rectory by hand, e-mail, snail mail or simply drop it in the basket at Sunday Mass and you'll be part of the Epiphany community.

✱ Don't forget to enroll in WeShare online giving. ✱  
We need the support of all our parishioners.

### **Registration is important!**

It is extremely helpful to the parish.  
We ask that you not be anonymous. Please help by donating regularly through our registration system.

Registration means that your regular donations are registered either through the online giving system or the envelope system.  
After 12 months without donations, non-donors are deleted from the system to avoid the expense involved in mailing, database maintenance, etc.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS: April 24, May 8 & 22 at 6:15 PM**  
in the rectory meeting room (239 E 21 St)

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

### **MASS ATTENDANCE** (church capacity: 700)

Mass	Apr 7 - 8	capacity
4:00 PM	221	32%
8:00 AM	114	16%
10:00 AM	230	33%
12:00 PM	227	32%
7:30 PM	167	24%
total	959	



**Sunday Basket Collection**  
**Apr 7-8: \$4,928**

### **Tentative Celebrant Schedule**

Apr 14-15	Apr 21-22
4 PM - JM	4 PM - AT
8 AM - TM	8 AM - TM
10 AM - JM	10 AM - AT
12 PM - JM	12 PM - AT
7:30 PM - AT	7:30 PM - JM
AT = Fr. Titus	JM = Fr. Jim
TM = Msgr Modugno	

### **This Week at Epiphany - April 14 - April 23**

**Sunday** - 1st gr Family Mass & breakfast - 10 am (CH/PH)  
(Apr 15) Cookie Sale - GS troop 3122 - 10 am (NX)  
Baptisms - 1:15 pm (CH)

**Monday** - Daisy Troop 3115 - 2:30 pm (PH)  
(Apr 16)

**Tuesday** - 22 Club - 12:00 (PH)  
(Apr 17) CCD Confirmation Class - 4 pm (Library)

**Wednesday** - OLPH Novena - after 12:10 Mass (CH)  
(Apr 11) Children from School for the Deaf - 1:15pm (PH)  
Youth Choir Music Club - 3 pm (CH)  
CCD (grades 1-6) - 3 pm (PH)  
Legion of Mary - 5 pm (rectory)  
Cub Scouts - 5 pm (PH)  
Adult Choir rehearsal - 7 pm (CH)

**Thursday** - Boy Scouts - 6:30pm (PH)  
(Apr 19)

**Saturday** - ASK information advocacy - 3:30 pm (NX)  
(Apr 21) Alzheimer's Presentation - 5 pm (PH)

**Sunday** - ASK information advocacy - 8 am (NX)  
(Apr 22)

**Monday** - Daisy Troop 3114 - 2:30 pm (PH)  
(Apr 23)

### **Golden Wedding Jubilee Annual Mass**

at St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 PM

Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018  
are invited to attend a Mass celebrated by  
His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

Pre-registration is required.

*(All couples must register in their home parish.)*

Please call the Epiphany rectory to make arrangements.

**Closing date for registration is Monday, May 14**



### **ASK!**

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

A free information and advocacy service for seniors.  
Seniors are invited to join us in the church narthex  
on April 21 - 22 after all Masses (except 7:30 PM).

Join us at our tables &  
enjoy some **FREE** home-made treats.

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### **Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia**

Saturday, April 21 - 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
Msgr Farricker Parish Hall

Presented by Della Frazier-Rios, RN, MS  
Former Senior VP, Director of Education & Outreach  
Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter

Get the facts about Alzheimer's disease,  
the most common cause of dementia in older adults.  
Learn about symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and caregiving.

The program content will include an explanation of  
Alzheimer's disease, its symptoms, stages, & treatments;  
information about common AD behaviors & available resources.

### **The 2018 Cardinal's Appeal**

We've begun our journey toward our goal in the  
*Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.*

**Our Goal:** \$135,000

The *Cardinal's Appeal* supports Catholics in so many ways

- \$6 million for Mission & Evangelization
- \$4 million Supports Our Needy Parishes
- \$2 million Supports Catholic Schools & Religious Education
- \$2.5 million for Works of Charity
- \$3 million to care for Retired Priests & Religious
- \$2.5 million forming our priests & deacons

The 2018 Appeal so far

Goal	\$20,000,000
Pledged	\$ 6,081,345
Number of Donors	12,068
Percentage of Goal	30%

We are grateful to all our parish families who are prayerfully  
considering their pledges to the *Appeal*.

### **Jeanne Jugan Residence A Place to Call Home**

The Little Sisters of the Poor came to New York in 1868,  
the same year Epiphany parish was born.

Help the sisters continue the charism  
of St. Jeanne Jugan by  
purchasing a ticket to their cash raffle.  
Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Support the work of the Little Sisters  
as they serve the elderly poor  
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Tickets can be purchased in the  
Epiphany Business office - M-F - 9 AM - 5 PM

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3rd Prize: \$ 500.00  
Drawing May 13, 2018

Winner need not be present  
Raffle Ticket Price: \$20 each or 6 for \$100  
Purchase of Raffle Tickets are not Tax-deductible  
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### **A PRAYER IN THE DARKNESS**

Lord, when I can't see where you are,  
remind me how you never lose sight of me...

When I strain to listen, but just can't hear you,  
remind me how you never miss a word I pray...

When I'm alone and feel abandoned,  
remind me how you hold me  
in the palm of your hand...

When I just can't seem to find you,  
remind me how you seek me out, night and day...

When I find it hard to trust in you,  
remind me how you never give up on me...

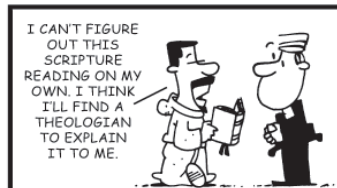
When I can't forgive myself,  
remind me how your mercy is forever...

When I don't know where to turn,  
remind me how you guide and watch my every step...

And when I can't... (well, whatever!)  
remind me that you can, you do,  
and you always will love and care for me...

**Amen**

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER





## **Why...always the first question**

### **Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?**

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus forgave them, saying, "Peace be with you." When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with one another.

### **Why does God Let Bad Things Happen?**

"If God is good, why does he allow bad things to happen?" In our hearts, we may know that God is loving and doesn't want us to suffer, but it can be difficult to see his plan when trouble strikes. The key is to stay close and trust his love.

**Draw closer to God.** Sometimes God allows bad things to happen because he knows that adversity can draw us closer to him. Take the Old Testament hero, Joseph. He was sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely accused by his master's wife, and unjustly imprisoned for years. Eventually, Joseph was released and became one of the most powerful men in Egypt.

**Stay connected.** Throughout his suffering, Joseph kept his friendship with God strong so he could see God's hand in his life. When his brothers begged for forgiveness, Joseph was able to answer, "*Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people.*"

## **Begin a New Life after Easter**

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

**Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

**Face the truth with courage.** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin. Being a sinner is not the worst condition. Remaining one is.

**Devise a plan.** Decide what needs to be changed and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable, but growth cannot happen without it.

**Take the first steps.** New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.

## **What do I need to be a Sponsor?**

1) A letter from your pastor indicating that you attend Sunday Mass each week

2) A letter from you containing:

your promise to help the child understand the importance of keeping the commandments and participating fully in the Catholic faith

your vow of deep commitment to your faith and to the Church

your promise to participate fully in the faith life of Epiphany parish, especially by attending Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening) and all Holy Days of Obligation

your pledge to strengthen and grow the Epiphany community with your commitment to regular, ongoing donations via online giving.

## **Should I be registered?**

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