

### 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 10, 2018

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

### **TO RENEW OUR CHURCH**

The Gallop Organization reports that weekly church attendance has declined among U.S. Catholics in the past decade, while it has remained steady among Protestants. From 2014 to 2017, an average of 39% of Catholics reported attending church in the past seven days. This is down from an average of 45% from 2005 to 2008 and represents a steep decline from 75% in 1955.

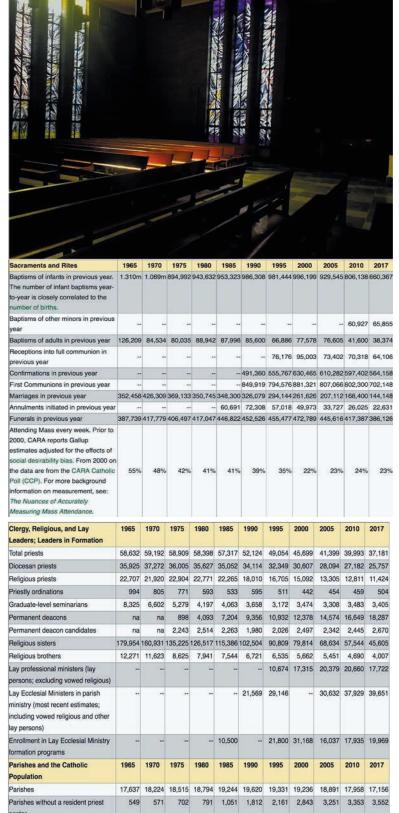
By contrast, the 45% of Protestants who reported attending church weekly from 2014 to 2017 is essentially unchanged from a decade ago and is largely consistent with the long-term trend.

After stabilizing in the mid-2000s, weekly church attendance among U.S. Catholics has resumed its downward trajectory over the past decade. In particular, older Catholics have become less likely to report attending church in the past seven days -- so that now, for the first time, a majority of Catholics in no generational group attend weekly. Further, given that young Catholics are even less devout, it appears the decline in church attendance will only continue.

As you may have noted, our wonderful Church of the Epiphany has been similarly affected. We publish our church capacity percentages each week, and most Masses average below 30% of the building's capacity.

For some, that can be a depressing statistic. But for all of us, it can be a challenging invitation. We shouldn't lose hope. As Chris Lowney, author of *Everyone Leads, How to Revitalize the Catholic Church,* suggests, we at Epiphany can all join in the task. **Like the mustard seed,** we can build the Church of the Epiphany into a place that overflows with new parishioners seeking a welcoming home, and a community that reaches out with love to our community and the broken world. To revitalize our Church, we can consider these elements of the early church:

- CALL GOD'S SPIRIT INTO OUR MIDST Like the Apostles, we can call on the Holy Spirit to give us courage to honestly share our faith with our brothers and sisters, to be missionary disciples proclaiming Jesus and his amazing resurrection from the dead.
- ASSUME BOTTOM-UP LEADERSHIP. The stories from the early Church about ordinary Christians stepping up to build the Church can inspire everyone to assume a leadership role at Epiphany at a time when priests are becoming scarce.
- THE ACTION IS AT THE FRONTIERS, NOT THE HEAD-QUARTERS. Rather than expecting all the work to bedone by the Pope, the Cardinal, the Bishops or even the priests of Epiphany, our parishioners can seize the initiative to make Epiphany a place of welcome, life, love and joy.
- BALANCING CHANGE AND CONTINUITY. Like the early Christians, we at Epiphany should find creative ways to share the rich tradition of the Church and find new ways to express our faith to a contemporary world.



### **EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

### A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED, AND FORGIVEN

### **Announced Mass Intentions**

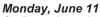
Saturday, June 9

Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 am Thomas Cassidy 4:00 pm Vincent Guglielmo

Sunday, June 10

8:00 am John Astorina 10:00 am Frank O'Neill 12:00 pm Dorothy H. Callahan 7:30 pm Our Parishioners



St. Barnabas, the Apostle

8:00 am Joseph Falzon

12:10 pm Helen Brathwaite Anderson

Tuesday, June 12

8:00 am Janet Schmidt 12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh

Wednesday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 am Fr. Peter Colapietro

12:10 pm João Santos

Thursday, June 14

8:00 am Brown Family,

living & deceased

12:10 pm Yolanda Sipin

Friday, June 15

8:00 am Gladys R. Feliz 12:10 pm Evaristo Sipin

Saturday, June 16

8:00 am Margaret Healy

4:00 pm Joseph & Frances Cenni

Sunday, June 17

8:00 am Frank & Elizabeth Matthews
10:00 am Father's Day intentions
12:00 pm Timothy J. McGinn
7:30 pm Our Parishioners

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









Mass	June 2 - 3	capacity
4:00 PM	211	30%
8:00 AM	131	19%
10:00 AM	255	36%
12:00 PM	205	29%
7:30 PM	146	21%
total	948	

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

(church capacity: 700)

Sunday Basket Collection



June 2 - 3: \$ 7,482

### **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.

June 10 - 23

our **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the health & wellness of Norma Caponong



### **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 (Adult Choir)

Parish House (Rectory):

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

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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### Rev. Austin Titus, Pastor

Rev. James Mayzik, S.J., *Parochial Vicar*Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno *In Residence*Mrs. Kate McHugh, *Principal, The Epiphany School*Mrs. Kathleen Crimmins, *Director of Religious Education*Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music Ministries & Organist* 

For information about Sacraments, please call the rectory office.

Tentative Celebrant Schedule			
June 9-10	June 16-17		
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 - June 11 - 17

Monday - Piano Recital - 6:30 pm (PH)

(June 11)

Tuesday - 22 Club - 12:00 (PH)

(June 12) Contemplative Prayer - 6:15 pm (CH) **Wednesday** - OLPH Novena - after 12:10 Mass (CH)

(June 13) Youth Choir Music Club - 3:00 pm (CH)

Legion of Mary - 5 pm (rectory) Cub Scouts - 5:00 pm (PH)

Thursday - Graduation Rehearsal - 9:00 am (CH)

(June 14) Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm (PH)

The Song Project - 7 pm (NX)

Friday - 8th Grade Graduation - 5:15 pm (CH & PH)

(June 15)

Sunday - Baptisms - 1:15 pm (CH)

(June 17)



### The Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday, June 30
Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM
in the church
followed by

The Novena Praying of the Rosary Procession Toin your neighbors & friends at a reception following in the parish hall with a special program, raffles & an enjoyable evening for all.

Come to the Feast!

## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE - DUE BACK NEXT WEEK! Return by Father's Day - June 17

If you haven't picked up your baby bottle, please speak to an usher to obtain one.

Expectant Mother Care Pregnancy Center asks us to fill the bottle with donations and return it any time before Father's Day

(either to an usher at Sat/Sunday Mass or to the rectory during the week).

Checks are recommended, but EMC is grateful for whatever you are able to give.

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### ON THE MONEY

EXPENSES	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017			
Sept 1-May 31	\$565,809	\$511,457			
Large increases include					
Organ Repair increase \$9,060	Archdiocesan tax increase \$13,600	Music Program increase \$27,200			

### The 2018 Cardinal's Appeal

Your gift to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. enriches our Catholic faith in so many ways.

WEEK 18	# of gifts	GOAL	PLEDGED
2017	209	\$126,000	\$131,390
2018	144	\$135,000	\$102,290

We are grateful to everyone who has pledged already, though we are struggling this year to bring our totals up to the level in the same week in the 2017 *Appeal*, especially since the campaign got a late kick-off this year. "Well begun is half done." ~ Aristotle & Mary Poppins

We humbly ask our parishioners to give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to the Appeal.

### Why Do We Need a Church?

### A Conversation with the Reverend Michael Himes



Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 PM at America Media 1212 Sixth Av - 11th Fl RSVP to events@americamedia.org

The event is free, but donations are most welcome!

The Reverend Michael Himes is a popular preacher and teacher.

After teaching at the University of Notre Dame,
he has taught at Boston College for the last 25 years
and has received numerous teaching awards.

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Before Notre Dame, he was the dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, Long Island, the seminary for the Rockville Centre & Brooklyn dioceses. Rev. Himes received his Ph.D. in theology from the University of Chicago. He is a native of Brooklyn

and a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn.



# CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER <u>UPCOMING MEETINGS</u> June 12th & 26th at 6:15 PM IN THE CHURCH

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

### Remember Epiphany Parish in your will.

If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include Epiphany in your will or living trust, call: 646-794-3317 or e-mail: plannedgiving@archny.org.

### Love & Responsibility in NYC

The Young Adult Outreach Program of the ADNY Announcing: Love & Responsibility NYC is back at the Immaculate Conception Outdoor Garden (414 E 14 St) Tues 7:30 - 9:30 PM - June 19 - July 31 (excluding July 3)

Weekly Guest Speakers discuss all relationship matters

\* Live Music \* Refreshments \*

Week 1 - June 19 - Sr. Miriam Heidland

Music by Steve Rees

Week 2 - June 26 - Emily Stimpson-Champman Music by His Own

Week 3 - July 10 - Matt Fradd Music by Alverlis

All events are free of charge - visit: www.catholicnyc.com



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Monthly Food Drive

All Masses June 10th

# Spiritual Direction Information Meeting

June 17th after 12 Noon Mass

# Sandwiches for the Homeless

After 12 Noon Mass June 17th

Suggested items

mayo + mustard + relish + coffee + peanut butter + jelly + tuna + cookies brown lunch bags + plastic sandwich bags + plastic spoons & forks small water bottles + small juices + eggs + ham + turkey

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